



ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

STATION WPTF

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WPTF PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES

WPTF operates an "All News, All Day" format that includes "in-depth" news coverage. Many of the "news segments" that air each weekday deal with issues of politics, economy, human relations, morality, and other general topics affecting the community and our listeners in the Raleigh-Durham area. In 24-hours, 680 WPTF airs 12 hours of news programming and 12 hours of informative talk programming each weekday.

1. North Carolina's Early Morning News and Morning News (Monday - Friday, 5:00 am - 10:00 am)

A locally-produced morning "all news program," hosted by Patrick Johnson, Brian Freeman, and Donna Martinez focusing on world, national and local news, plus weather, and traffic and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this weekday program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their day started. The program includes updates from CBS Market Watch. There are regular guest appearances by people in the political, tech, business, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

2. North Carolina's Mid-day News (Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Patrick Johnson which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the entertainment, local news, political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

3. North Carolina's Mid-day News (Monday - Friday, 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Scott Briggaman which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

4. North Carolina's Afternoon News (Monday - Friday, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Marla Roth focusing on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with people in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

5. North Carolina's Evening News (Monday - Friday, (5:00 pm-7:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Bruce Ferrell focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

6. Clark Howard (Monday - Friday, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

The nationally produced Clark Howard show is helping millions of Americans through all types of financial trouble. He simplifies complex issues, allays fears, and offers sound advice to help families thrive during financial crisis. In addition to the program, listeners are kept up to date with news updates from CBS and WPTF News.

7. Open Line (Monday - Friday 9 pm -10 pm)

Hosted by long time WPTF staff member Tom Kearney, this show spans a wide gamut of issues including current events, sports and pop culture. Guest experts normally participate in the show and calls are

taken from local listeners as well as many others within range of WPTF's 50,000 watt night time signal via a toll-free number.

8. Dr. Joy Browne

(Monday - Friday 10:00 pm – 1:00 am)

Nationally syndicated talk radio show focused on helping people deal with different life difficulties.

9. Red-Eye Radio

(Monday – Sunday, 1:00 am – 5:00 am, Saturday, to 7:00 am)

Nationally syndicated, Red-Eye Radio is the country's national clearinghouse of information, thoughts and opinions on numerous issues. Katie Award Winning hosts Eric Harley and Gary McNamara engage their millions of listeners and callers with the major issues of the day including current events, legislation, popular culture, family issues, detailed national weather forecasts, safety tips and interviews with trucking industry leaders.

10. WPTF News:

WPTF broadcasts world, national and local news at the top and bottom of every hour 24 hours a day. Newscasts also include sports and weather. Breaking news is broadcast immediately by WPTF's staff of six full-time news anchors/reporters plus the resources of CBS News. All major news events, such as a State of the Union speech are carried live. Some examples of local news stories during the 1st quarter are listed at the end of this report, along with date, time and issue.

11. WPTF Traffic Reports:

WPTF broadcasts local traffic weekdays from 5 am to 9 am and 3 pm to 7 pm. Reports are aired at :08, :18, :28, :38, :48 and :58. Each report runs from a full minute in length and are produced locally within WPTF's studios by the Triangle Traffic Network

In addition to the weekday programs, WPTF airs numerous weekend programs in the public interest:

12. North Carolina's Morning News – Saturday (Saturdays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am)

A locally-produced morning "news wheel," hosted by Dave Richmond focused on world, national and local news, plus weather and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their Saturday started. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

13. Weekend Gardner:

(Saturdays, 8:00 am – 11:00 am)

A locally-produced talk show that has experts fielding listener's calls about plants and gardening.

14. Dining Out with Greg Cox:

(Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

A locally produced restaurant review program featuring News and Observer food critic Greg Cox and hosted by Dave Richmond. Greg gives listeners the inside scoop on eateries all over the Triangle covering all food categories, new restaurants and secret places to eat.

15. The Trader's Edge

(Saturdays, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

Sponsored by "Online Trading Academy, this regionally syndicated, "paid," program, hosted by Scott Tansill, advises investors on methods and strategies to make money in the stock market.

16. Joe Wade Formicola:

(Saturdays, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

Locally produced call in show that centers on topical news and debate on anything from entertainment to the latest in politics. Joe Wade offers up whatever is on his or his listener's minds with little to no holding back.

17. The Money Pit Home Improvement Show (Saturdays, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Nationally syndicated and hosted by Leslie Segrete and Tom Kraeutler, Money Pit gives listeners advice and information on making home improvements, and solving home repair and maintenance troubles.

18. Into Tomorrow with Dave Graveline (Saturdays, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Nationally syndicated "Into Tomorrow" covers the latest in consumer electronics and technology. The program, hosted by Dave Graveline, is a dynamic blend of listener interaction and insightful and informative guests speaking on a variety of topics related to technology.

19. Sunday Morning Music (Sundays, 6:00 am – 7:00 am)

There's nothing better to start a Sunday Morning than light, reflective music. Paul Michels hosts.

20. Carolina Newsmakers (Sundays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am)

A locally produced, public affairs, programming highlighting local and state newsmakers discussing various topics. Hosted by Don Curtis.

21. Editors Roundtable (Sundays, 8:00 am – 8:30 am)

Hosted by Don Curtis, this locally produced program reviews various stories in the news. Don is joined by Jason Kong, David Stuckey and Brian Freeman who comment on the stories presented.

22. CBS Weekend Roundup (Sundays, 8:30 am – 9:00 am & 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

Produced by CBS News and hosted by Dan Raviv, this program wraps up the week's news and goes deep into the tough stories.

23. People in Politics (Sundays, 9:00 am – 10:00 am)

A locally produced, public affairs, program that centers on what's happening in state government political circles. Hosted by Donna Martinez.

24. Religious Programming: (Sundays, 10:00 am - 12 noon)

WPTF broadcasts live the morning worship services of Edenton Street United Methodist Church and White Memorial Presbyterian Church on alternate Sundays.

25. Triangle Trader (Sundays, 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.)

Host "Trader Dave" Alexander takes calls from listeners, who are allowed to announce items they have for sale.

26. The Wine Crush (Sundays, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

The Wine Crush is a one hour dynamic, fast-paced lifestyle program that not only explains and demystifies the world of wine, but demonstrates how wine can be integrated with everyday life. Host Laura Lawson is a veteran in the wine business who manages to couple her vast wine knowledge with her unique sense of humor and tactful sarcasm.

27. For Your Ears Only (Sundays, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

For Your Ears Only (formerly Newsweek on Air) is a weekly radio program highlighting various items in the news. Anchored by David M. Alpern and Isaac Davy Aronson.

28. Money Matters (Sundays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm)

The hosts are Doug and Linda Lewis, certified financial planners, who answer questions about the economy, and personal finance. They deal with issues of 401K and other employer retirement plans, IRAs, Roth IRA's, etc. They discuss the markets, national, regional, and local financial news and the impact a story may have on the economy.

29. 60 Minutes (Sundays, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

This nationally known television news show highlights news maker interviews and investigative reports along with celebrity guest interviews and commentary. 60 Minutes is presented live to listeners even when the television version is delayed.

30. That Cancer Show

(Sundays, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Cornucopia Cancer Support Center presents a forum for conversations about the cancer journey. The host-guest call-in show, called That Cancer Show™, provides the Triangle community an opportunity to ask questions and talk about their personal experiences with cancer.

31. Hall of Fame

(Sundays, 9:00 pm – 1:00 am)

Curtis Media's founder, Don Curtis, takes listeners down a trip on Memory Lane with the hit songs of the past and the inside story about artists and the tunes.

32. NASCAR and NASCAR Live**(Schedule varies)**

Sprint Cup NASCAR races from the Motor Racing Network and the Performance Racing Network are heard on selected Saturdays and Sundays and each Tuesday evening at 7 pm NASCAR fans hear the latest news on upcoming races and events in the world of racing on NASCAR live from the Motor Racing Network.

**ISSUES OF CONCERN TO RALEIGH-DURHAM
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING**

CODE ISSUE

AC	Arts & Culture	HSM	Health, Safety and Medical Affairs
CD	Crime/Drugs	HO	Housing
CR	Civil Rights & Activism	IA	International Affairs
EC	Economy/Employment	NS	National Security
ED	Education	PA	Political Affairs
EH	Environment/Health	RE	Religion
GA	Government Affairs	SO	Social Media
GR	Growth/Transportation/Roads	SP	Sports/Games/Races

WPTF news segments and interviews air as one-minute-thirty second to three-minute packages that air at various times during the day, within WPTF news hours.

AC-Arts & Culture

JULY 1 – NORTH CAROLINA AUTHOR ADAM SHEPARD FELT LIKE SOMETHING WAS MISSING FROM HIS LIFE, SO DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THE RALEIGH NATIVE SAVED SOME MONEY, THEN SET ACROSS THE WORLD ... FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR. THE 30-SOMETHING SHEPARD RECENTLY SAT DOWN WITH JOSH ZACH TO TALK ABOUT HIS TRAVELING THE WORLD TO COMPLETE HIS BUCKET LIST ON STEROIDS, AN ADVENTURE THAT LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR HIS THIRD BOOK. AC

JULY 1 - IT'S ONLY JULY... BUT ALREADY, THE NC AGRICULTURAL DEPT IS THINKING ABOUT THE NEXT FAIR. IT HAS RELEASED ITS CONCERT LINEUPS AND AS MARLA ROTH AND NC DIR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ANDREA ASHBY TALK ABOUT THE BIG NAMES EXPECTED TO BRING IN BIG CROWDS. AC

JULY 1 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW - LISTENER PARTICIPATION-WELL KNOWN PEOPLE AND CELEBRITIES WHO DIED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2013. AC

JULY 3 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW - DEAN HARRY LICENSED BATTLEFIELD GUIDE FROM GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK ON THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG. AC

JULY 2 - IT'S ALL ABOUT THE GAME... THAT'S WHAT AUTHOR MORGAN ROSE SAYS ABOUT MEN WHO SAY THEY LOVE YOU BUT WON'T COMMIT. ROSE IS THE AUTHOR OF A BOOK CALLED BECOMING NAUGHT A

BIMBO... THE SMART WOMAN'S GUIDE TO FINDING HER PRINCE WITHOUT EVER KISSING ANOTHER FROG. MARLA ROTH TALKS WITH ROSE ABOUT RECOGNIZING THE SIGNS YOU'RE NOT WITH "MR. RIGHT..." AC

JULY 3 - NORTH CAROLINA'S CAPITAL WILL BE CELEBRATING OUR NATION'S BIRTH IN STYLE ON THURSDAY. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON CAUGHT UP WITH RADIO 96-POINT-1'S ALLI MORGAN TO FIND OUT WHAT FESTIVITIES RALEIGH HAS PLANNED FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY. AC

JULY 5 - LAST NIGHT'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION IN RALEIGH WAS GOING WELL UNTIL THE FIRST FIREWORKS SHOW GOT OUT UNTIL THINGS HIT A SNAG AND PANDEMONIUM BROKE OUT. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ BRINGS US THE STORY. AC

JULY 9 – WHEN WE'RE SICK, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS WE NEED ... BESIDES MEDICINE AND REST AND CHICKEN SOUP AND PLENTY OF FLUIDS ... IS A GOOD BOX OF TISSUES FOR OUR SORE NOSE. PUFFS ... KLEENEX ... SCOTTY ... SO MANY CHOICES ... WHICH SHOULD WE SHOULD BUY? WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH CONSUMER REPORTS' ASSOCIATE EDITOR NICOLE SARRUBBO ABOUT A NEW SURVEY OF FACIAL TISSUE, AND WHICH BRAND REIGNS SUPREME IN OVERALL COMFORT AND STRENGTH. AC

JULY 10 – SUMMER CAN BE ABOUT GETTING A NEW SWIMSUIT FOR THE BEACH, WATCHING A NEW SUMMER FLICK, OR READING A BOOK WITH THE AC CRANKED ON HIGH. DOUG KELLETT, HOST OF THE MORNING DRIVE, TALKS TO LOCAL LADY LEE MIMS ABOUT HER NEW BOOK, " HIDING GLADYS" WHICH FOCUSES ON AREAS HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA. MIM ALSO HAS AN ART EXHIBITION BEING HELD THIS THURSDAY AT THE LITTLE ART GALLERY IN CAMERON VILLAGE FROM 6-7:30 PM. AC

JULY 10 – HAVE YOU NOTICED, HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE OFTEN SEEM DRIVEN BY A SPECIAL FORCE? WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS TO SUCCESS COACH BOB NATOLI AND AUTHOR OF TRUE VISION FOR SUCCESS ABOUT THIS DRIVE... AND WHAT ENABLES SOME PEOPLE TO BECOME PHENOMENALLY SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR PERSONAL LIVES AND CAREERS. AC

JULY 10 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. STEVEN VINCENT,HISTORY PROFESSOR,NCSU ON THE LEGACY OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION. AC

JULY 23 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-JOE NEWBERRY-NORTH CAROLINA MUSIC AND MUSICIANS-AC

JULY 26 – IF YOUR TRAVEL PLANS TAKE YOU TO THE COAST THIS WEEKEND -- THERE'S PLENTY OF THINGS TO DO AT NORTH CAROLINA'S CULTURAL RESOURCES LOCATIONS. AC

JULY 26 – MOVIES UNDER THE STARS AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART ARE AMONG THE EVENTS THAT YOU CAN PLAN YOUR WEEKEND AROUND AS WE FOUND OUT FROM FAYE MITCHELL WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES, AS WE FOUND OUT IN HER WEEKLY CHAT WITH BRUCE FERRELL. AC

JULY 29 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - DOUG AND AUSTIN MATTOX - DISCUSS HISTORY AND CULTURE THROUGH NUMISMATICS AND PHILATELY AC

JULY 30 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - NANCY OLSON OF QUAIL RIDGE BOOKS - DISCUSSES NEW BOOKS AND "GOOD READS" AC

JULY 31 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - DR.STEPHEN REYNOLDS - NCSU PHYSICS PROFESSOR - SUPERNOVAS AND ASTRONOMY NEWS - AC

AUGUST 2 – IT'S BEEN A RAINY SUMMER FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS, BUT THE WET WEATHER CERTAINLY HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO PUT A DAMPER ON THE NUMEROUS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES GOING ON ACROSS THE STATE. FOR MORE ABOUT THE VARIOUS EXHIBITS, TOURS, AND BATTLE REENACTMENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND ON THE COAST, JOSHUA SENEGAL TALKED TO FAYE MITCHELL FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES. AC

AUGUST 2 – TICKETS FOR THIS FALL'S NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR WENT ON SALE THURSDAY. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S BRIAN LONG TO FIND OUT HOW THIS EARLY BIRD SPECIAL IS GOOD FOR THE WALLET. AC

AUGUST 5 – A FAVORITE EVENT AMONG FOODIES IS MAKING ITS RETURN TO RALEIGH THIS MONTH. IT'S CALLED RALEIGH RESTAURANT WEEK, AND IT GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO SAVE A FEW BUCKS WHILE YOU

DINE DOWNTOWN. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT IT WITH LACIE LINSTEAD OF THE DOWNTOWN RALEIGH ALLIANCE. AC

AUGUST 5 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-KEVIN DUFFUS-ON THE CONTINUING SAGA OF BLACKBEARD ,THE PIRATE-AC

AUGUST 6 – IF YOU EVER GOT YOUR HANDS MESSY WHILE TRYING TO SCRAPE THE LAST BIT OF PEANUT BUTTER FROM THE JAR, SOME N-C STATE STUDENTS MAY BE ABLE TO HELP. DONNA MARTINEZ AND STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT A NOVEL SOLUTION TO THE EPIDEMIC OF "PEANUT BUTTER KNUCKLES". AC

AUGUST 8 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-TRIBUTE TO "TWINKIES" RETURN AND OTHER ICONIC SNACKS-AC

AUGUST 8 – IF YOU BOUGHT A POWERBALL TICKET FOR THAT HUGE JACKPOT YOU DIDN'T WIN... IF YOU BOUGHT ONE IN NORTH CAROLINA. POWERBALL OFFICIALS ARE CONFIRMING THAT 3 TICKETS WERE BOUGHT WITH THE WINNING NUMBERS. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS THE DETAILS ON WHERE THE WINNING TICKETS WERE SOLD. AC

AUGUST 12 – THERE'S A NEW POLICY IN DEALING WITH ROWDY CONCERT GOERS IN THE TRIANGLE. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON AND DEEP SOUTH ENTERTAINMENT'S DAVE ROSE TALK ABOUT IT. AC

AUGUST 13 – MONEY MAGAZINE IS OUT WITH ITS BI-ANNUAL LIST OF THE BEST SMALL TOWNS IN AMERICA. SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS TOPS THE LIST FOLLOWED BY LOUISVILLE (LEWISVILLE, COLORADO 2ND... VIENNA , VIRGINIA 3RD)... NUMBER 9 ON THE LIST APEX, NORTH CAROLINA ..WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH APEX MAYOR KEITH WEATHERLY. AC

AUGUST 16 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT WITH HOMAGE TO THE MOVIES OF ELVIS PRESLEY-STEPHEN KEARNEY AS GUEST-AC

AUGUST 16 – THE CLASSIC CAR SHOW OF THE YEAR WILL FILL THE RALEIGH CONVENTION CENTER THIS WEEKEND. BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT JUST HOW LARGE AND SPECIAL THIS SHOW WILL BE FROM GREG COX WITH CAROLINA CLASSICS AT THE CAPITAL. AC

AUGUST 19 – TIME WARNER CABLE HAS NOT MADE CBS STATIONS AVAILABLE FOR ABOUT 3 MILLION CUSTOMERS IN LOS ANGELES, NEW YORK, DALLAS AND OTHER AREAS SINCE AUG. 2 BECAUSE OF A DISPUTE OVER FEES. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH DAVID MCADAMS PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS AT DUKE UNIVERSITY'S FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS. AC

AUGUST 19 – STEP ASIDE SHARKNADO ... THERE'S ANOTHER STORM A'BREWIN' IT'S CUTE, IT'S CUDDLY, AND IT'S ON THE RADAR FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK! WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DARCY VANDERSLIK AT THE WAKE COUNTY SPCA ABOUT CATNADO! ... THE ADOPTION EVENT THAT'S TAKING THE TRIANGLE ... BY STORM! AC

AUGUST 20 – DOWNTOWN RALEIGH RESTAURANT WEEK IS HERE! THIS IS A WEEK-LONG CELEBRATION OF CULINARY EXCELLENCE DESIGNED TO BRING PEOPLE DOWNTOWN TO SAMPLE SOME OF THE BEST .. MARLA ROTH GOT THE LATEST FROM ELLEN FREGOLA WITH THE DOWNTOWN RALEIGH ALLIANCE. AC

AUGUST 20 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-MIKE HILL OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY-ON HIGHWAY HISTORICAL MARKERS PROGRAM AND UPCOMING CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL PROGRAM- AC

AUGUST 21 – LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS WEEKEND? THE TOWN OF CARY IS HOLDING ONE OF ITS BIGGEST EVENTS OF THE YEAR-- ITS ANNUAL LAZY DAZE ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS TO CARY'S CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER LYMAN COLLINS ABOUT WHY YOU MIGHT ENJOY THIS WEEKEND ACTIVITY. AC

AUGUST 21 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-KEN PLEASANT AND RUSS GARWOOD OF CAPITAL COMICS-COMICS HISTORY AND SUPERMAN- AC

AUGUST 22 – SEASON TICKETS FOR THE HOLLY SPRINGS CULTURAL CENTER GO ON SALE FRIDAY AT 5:00 PM AND THE CENTER WILL ALSO HOST THEIR FINAL OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT FEATURING ONE OF NORTH CAROLINA'S FAVORITE BEACH BANDS. FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE EVENT BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH HOLLY SPRINGS CULTURAL CENTER, GENERAL MANAGER, DON BRISCAR. AC

AUGUST 23 – HOW ABOUT A SHOW? BRUCE FERRELL TALKED TO FAYE MITCHELL FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES ABOUT SOME EVENTS ON THE SILVER SCREEN THIS WEEKEND. AC

AUGUST 29 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-JIM CLARK OF THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW RERUN WATCHERS CLUB ON UPCOMING "MAYBERRY DAYS"- AC

AUGUST 30 – IF HISTORY IS YOUR THING, BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT FROM FAYE MITCHELL- WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES- SOME EXHIBITS YOU WILL WANT TO CHECK OUT. AC

SEPTEMBER 3 – WE ALL LOVE TO EAT, AND IF YOU'VE WATCHED TV LATELY, YOU KNOW MANY OF THE NETWORKS ARE TAPPING INTO OUR LOVE TO COOK AS WELL. BUT WHAT IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO STUDY AND PRACTICE IN ORDER TO BE A TERRIFIC CHEF? WHAT IF YOU COULD MAKE RESTAURANT-QUALITY FOOD EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO BOIL WATER? DONNA MARTINEZ JOINED BRIAN FREEMAN WITH TODAY'S EYE ON LIFESTYLE. AC

SEPTEMBER 4 – THE FALL TV SEASON GETS UNDERWAY LATER THIS MONTH... WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKS SOME OF THE NEW (ALLEGED) COMEDIES WITH 'THE KING OF TV' PAUL GOBLE. AC

SEPTEMBER 4 – DRINK UP.. THIS IS WINE AND GRAPE MONTH AS WE FOUND OUT IN THIS CONVERSATION BETWEEN AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER STEVE TROXLER AND RHONDA GARRISON OF SFNTODAY.COM AC

SEPTEMBER 5 – AN ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF CREATIVITY AND TALENT -- DESIGNED TO CELEBRATE THE CULTURAL MOMENTUM OF THE TRIANGLE -- IS GEARING UP TO TAKE OVER DOWNTOWN RALEIGH. WITH 2,000 ARTISTS AND PERFORMERS AND MORE THAN 200 SHOWS AND EXHIBITS SPREAD ACROSS MORE THAN 20 VENUES, VISUAL ART EXCHANGE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SARAH POWERS TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE 8TH ANNUAL SPARKCON ART FESTIVAL. AC

SEPTEMBER 9 – COMING UP STARTING SEPT. 26-29 IS THE YEARLY TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF THE MAYBERRY -- AND THE T.V. WORLD MADE FAMOUS BY ANDY, BARNEY, OPIE, AUNT BEA AND OTIS -- THE REAL SURRY COUNTY OF TOWN, ON WHICH THE SHOW WAS BASED CELEBRATES MAYBERRY DAYS AS MARLA ROTH FOUND OUT FROM TANYA JONES FROM THE SURRY COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL. AC

SEPTEMBER 9 – THERE'S A NEW, FAST-PACED, WEEKLY INVESTIGATIVE NEWS PROGRAM, AND FOR SOME, IT FEATURES A FAMILIAR FACE. M-S-N-B-C HOST AND NBC NEWS CORRESPONDENT TAMRON HALL IS THE HOST OF "DEADLINE CRIME." WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH TAMRON TO FIND OUT WHY YOU SHOULD WATCH AND HER TRAGIC STORY OF WHY SHE DECIDED TO START THIS SHOW. AC

SEPTEMBER 9 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-WILLIAM R. FERRIS,UNC HISTORY AND FOLKLORE PROFESSOR ON HIS NEW BOOK "THE STORIED SOUTH:VOICES OF WRITERS AND ARTISTS- AC

SEPTEMBER 10 – THE 32ND ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL IS RETURNING TO RALEIGH SEPTEMBER 20TH THROUGH THE 22ND! THERE WILL BE AUTHENTIC GREEK FOOD, LIVE MUSIC AND TRADITIONAL DANCES! WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS WITH THE FESTIVAL'S PENNY GALLINS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE FESTIVAL. AC

SEPTEMBER 11 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-JOE NEWBERRY DISCUSSES BELA FLECK AND THE NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY AND THE WIDE OPEN BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL- AC

SEPTEMBER 13 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-FRIDAY NIGHT TRIVIA NIGHT-LISTENER PARTICIPATION- AC

SEPTEMBER 16 – THE NORTH CAROLINA FOLKLORE SOCIETY TURNS 100 THIS YEAR AND IS THROWING A PARTY SEPTEMBER 26-28 .. MARLA ROTH LEARNS MORE FROM JOY SALYERS ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS. AC

SEPTEMBER 16 – RALEIGH NATIVE (AND RESIDENT) ADAM SHEPARD CALLS HIMSELF THE WORLD'S SLOWEST BARTENDER. BUT HE DOES HAVE SOME GOOD QUALITIES ... SHEPARD IS AN ATHLETE, A HUSBAND, A WORLD TRAVELER AND AUTHOR OF THREE BOOKS. HE'S SEEN AND DONE MORE BEFORE THE AGE OF 30 THAN MOST OF US EVER WILL. IN FACT, HE'S DONE MORE IN ONE YEAR ALONE. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH

RECENTLY SAT DOWN WITH SHEPARD TO TALK ABOUT THOSE EXPERIENCES -- THE FOUNDATION OF HIS LATEST BOOK -- ONE YEAR LIVED. AC

SEPTEMBER 17 – AFTER SEASON OF WEAK SIGNALS, POOR CONNECTIONS, AND BAD SERVICE, MOST FANS HEADING TO THE PNC ARENA WILL HAVE BETTER CELL PHONE RECEPTION THIS YEAR. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS TO TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL'S JASON DEBRUYN ABOUT HOW YOUR CELL PHONE WOES AT THE ARENA ARE COMING TO AN END. AC

SEPTEMBER 17 – THE NEWS AND OBSERVER FOOD CRITIC GOES TO KOREA VIA DOWNTOWN RALEIGH WITH THIS WEEK'S REVIEW! DINING OUT'S GREG COX TALKS ABOUT NEW RESTAURANT- KIMBAP (KIM-BOP). AC

SEPTEMBER 17 – ADAM SHEPARD IS A RALEIGH NATIVE AND AUTHOR OF THREE BOOKS. HIS LATEST BOOK, ONE YEAR LIVED, TAKES US AROUND THE WORLD ON AN ADVENTURE THAT COULD BE DESCRIBED AS A BUCKET LIST EXTREME SPORT. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH RECENTLY SAT DOWN WITH SHEPARD TO TALK ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES. AC

SEPTEMBER 19 – THE NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY IS MARKING AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE AND THEY WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF IT, AS BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT FROM THEIR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS JOE NEWBERRY. AC

SEPTEMBER 19 – THE RALEIGH HALL OF FAME RECOGNIZES INDIVIDUALS AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, PAST AND PRESENT, WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF RALEIGH. THE CLASS OF 2013 INDUCTEES WILL BE HONORED AT A GALA DINNER AND PRESENTATION ON OCTOBER 7, 2013 AT THE RALEIGH CONVENTION CENTER. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS OF THE EVENT FROM LACY REAVES WITH THE RALEIGH HALL OF FAME. AC

SEPTEMBER 19 – LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE CAPITAL CITY BIKEFEST HERE IN RALEIGH AND RETURNS TOMORROW THROUGH SUNDAY. FOR MORE ABOUT THIS HUGE EVENT, BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH KRIS WEISS OF RAY PRICE HARLEY-DAVIDSON. AC

SEPTEMBER 19 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-A LITTLE RADIO HISTORY -WPTF IS 90-LONG TIME STAFFER DICK STORCK IS GUEST- AC

SEPTEMBER 20 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-FRIDAY NIGHT TRIVIA TIME-LISTENER PARTICIPATION-AC

SEPTEMBER 20 – WANT TO GET SOME LAUGHS THIS WEEKEND? HEAD DOWN TO THE LIVE LAUGHS AT THE LONG BRANCH! BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH RENE BRAY, THE COMIC FOR THIS WEEKEND, ABOUT HER EXPERIENCES AS A SOUTHERN MOM AND HOW THAT CONTRIBUTES TO HER ACT AND HOST OF THE EVENT FRANK KING. AC

SEPTEMBER 23 – THE NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY FINISHED OUT ITS OPENING FALL CONCERTS SUNDAY, BUT ITS MISSION IS ALL YEAR LONG -- AND STRETCHED FAR BEYOND RALEIGH. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH THE SYMPHONY'S JOE NEWBERRY ABOUT THE WELL-TRAVELED ORGANIZATIONS EFFORTS TOUCH PEOPLE ALL AROUND THE STATE WHERE THEY LIVE. AC

SEPTEMBER 24 – THE INTERNATIONAL BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION IS HOLDING ITS WORLDWIDE CONFERENCE IN RALEIGH THIS WEEK, AND THE CITY IS ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET AND PEOPLE ARE HERE FROM ALL OTHER WORLD.. HERE IS ANNA LAUREL FROM WTVD. AC

SEPTEMBER 24 – PREMIERING TONIGHT (TUES 9/24) ... AN EXCITING UNDERGROUND COOKING SHOW WHERE CHEFS GO HEAD-TO-HEAD – ALL WHILE BEING HECKLED BY A ROWDY CROWD. TOP CHEF WINNER ILAN (SOUNDS LIKE ELON ... THE UNIVERSITY) HALL TALKS WITH WPTF'S JOSH ZACH ABOUT HIS NEW SHOW, KNIFE FIGHT, AIRING TONIGHT AT 9:00 ON THE ESQUIRE NETWORK. AC

SEPTEMBER 24 – WITH SUMMER OFFICIALLY IN THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR, IT'S TIME FOR THE LEAVES TO BEGIN CHANGING AND COOLER WEATHER TO BEGIN IN NORTH CAROLINA. IT'S ALSO TIME FOR THE 15TH ANNUAL "MOUNTAINS TO COAST" BICYCLE RIDE. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH REAGAN WILLIAMS - THE RIDE DIRECTOR FOR NORTH CAROLINA AMATEUR SPORTS - TO FIND OUT ALL THE DETAILS ABOUT THIS UNIQUE RIDE. AC

SEPTEMBER 25 – COMING UP STARTING SEPT. 26-29 IS THE YEARLY TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF THE MAYBERRY -- AND THE T.V. WORLD MADE FAMOUS BY ANDY, BARNEY, OPIE, AUNT BEA AND OTIS -- THE REAL SURRY COUNTY OF TOWN, ON WHICH THE SHOW WAS BASED CELEBRATES MAYBERRY DAYS AS MARLA ROTH FOUND OUT FROM TANYA JONES FROM THE SURRY COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL. AC

SEPTEMBER 25 – CONSIDERED BY MANY AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST INNOVATIVE AND TECHNICALLY PROFICIENT BANJO PLAYERS, BELA FLECK WILL BE VERY ACTIVE DURING THIS WEEK'S IBMA WIDE OPEN BLUEGRASS EVENTS IN RALEIGH... PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH HIM ABOUT PLAYING WITH THE NC SYMPHONY. AC

SEPTEMBER 25 – LISA PRINCE HAS A PLATE FULL...LITERALLY. NOT ONLY DOES SHE HANDLE THE COORDINATION OF JUDGING FOODS AT THE STATE FAIR, BUT SHE ALSO HOSTS "FLAVOR NC" ON PUBLIC TV. FOR MORE ON WHAT'S COMING UP AT THE FAIR AND ON A TV NEAR YOU, SHE SPOKE WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. AC

SEPTEMBER 26 – LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR YOUR HOME AND GARDEN? WELL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK FAR...DOUG KELLETT TALKS TO DEBBIE BALL A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SOUTHERN IDEAL SHOW TO TELL MORE ABOUT THIS EVER GROWING EVENT. AC

SEPTEMBER 26 – IT'S A BIG WEEK FOR RALEIGH AS IT HOLDS THE INTERNATIONAL BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION'S WORLDWIDE CONFERENCE. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH HARVEY SCHMITT, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER, ABOUT THE FESTIVAL IMPACTING RALEIGH AND WHAT DOORS IT WILL OPEN FOR THE AREA. AC

SEPTEMBER 26 – LIKE TO RUN? WANT TO HELP A GREAT CAUSE? THIS WEEKEND YOU CAN DO BOTH AT THE MARCH OF DIMES 5K RUN IN RTP. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH MARCH OF DIMES COMMUNITY DIRECTOR JILL KUHN (COON) AND GOT DETAILS. AC

SEPTEMBER 27 – WITH THE WEEKEND ON THE WAY, BRUCE FERRELL HAS SOME IDEAS FOR WHAT TO DO FROM FAYE MITCHELL WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES. AC

SEPTEMBER 27 – THIS WEEKEND IT'S THE SOUTHERN IDEAL HOME SHOW IN RALEIGH AND WTPF'S RESIDENT CHEF, WENDY PERRY WILL BE THERE COOKING UP SOME GREAT SAMPLES AT THE EVENT SPONSORED BY OUR PARENT COMPANY, CURTIS MEDIA GROUP. WTPF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH CHEF WENDY ABOUT THE EVENT AND HER ROLE THERE THIS WEEKEND. AC

SEPTEMBER 27 – BASKETBALL LEGEND KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR'S WAS IN THE TRIANGLE, THURSDAY, PROMOTING HIS NEW BOOK SASQUATCH IN THE PAINT. WTPF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH ABDUL-JABBAR ABOUT HIS LATEST WORK. AC

CD - Crime/Drugs

JULY 2 - A COURT DATE HAS BEEN SET IN DURHAM FOR CRYSTAL MANGUM IN HER MURDER CASE -- HERE'S THE STORY FROM CHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ FROM WTVD. CD

JULY 3 - THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IS MAKING IT TOUGHER FOR INMATES NEARING THE END OF THEIR SENTENCES TO MAKE HOME VISITS. ED CRUMP SAYS HE MOVE COMES AFTER A DEVELOPMENT INVOLVING A HIGH PROFILE CASE. CD

JULY 5 - TWO PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO PLAGUE THE MILITARY AND ITS VETERANS...SEXUAL ASSAULTS AND A BACKLOG OF DISABILITY CLAIMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. WTPF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH CRAIG ROBERTS - A VIETNAM WAR VETERAN AND THE MEDIA RELATIONS MANAGER FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION - TO FIND OUT THE LATEST INTO THESE ISSUES. CD

JULY 8 - FORMER ARIZONA CONGRESSWOMAN GABRIELLE GIFFORDS AND HER HUSBAND VISITED RALEIGH YESTERDAY AS PART OF A NATIONWIDE TOUR TO HIGHLIGHT WAYS THEY BELIEVE TOUGHER LAWS CAN REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

JULY 8 - INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING FOR A VEHICLE INVOLVED IN A HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT THAT HAPPENED LATE THURSDAY NIGHT IN KNIGHTDALE. WTPF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH 1ST SERGEANT JEFF GORDON WITH THE HIGHWAY PATROL TO GET THE DETAILS ON THE ACCIDENT AND WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR. CD

JULY 9 – POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE DEATH OF A CHILD WHO APPARENTLY DROWNED IN A HOME IN RALEIGH. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS ON WHAT THEY KNOW SO FAR. CD

JULY 9 – POLICE SAY A MAN RIDING A BICYCLE WAS HIT AND KILLED BY A CAR MONDAY NIGHT. THE INCIDENT IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION AS POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THE VEHICLE. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS. CD

JULY 11 – A RALEIGH HOUSE FIRE SENT ONE PERSON TO THE HOSPITAL WEDNESDAY EVENING. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. CD

JULY 11 – THE COLLAPSE OF A DECK IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY AT A VACATION RENTAL HOME, TUESDAY, SENT MORE THAN 20 TO THE HOSPITAL... WECT REPORTER LINDSEY CURTAIN IS IN OCEAN ISLE -- SHE SPOKE WITH WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON. CD

JULY 12 – AN AUDIT OF A RALEIGH NONPROFIT HAS GOT THE ATTENTION OF WAKE COUNTY D.A. COLON WILLOUGHBY AND RALEIGH MAYOR NANCY MCFARLAND ... WTVD'S ED CRUMP REPORTS THE CENTER -- DESIGNED TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES -- IS NOW THE FOCUS OF A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. CD

JULY 18 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-CREECY JOHNSON, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF NORTH CAROLINA- DISCUSSION OF CHARITIES AND GIVING. CD

JULY 22 - SATURDAY NIGHT A CARJACKING TURNED INTO A WILD POLICE CHASE THAT SPANNED OVER SEVERAL COUNTIES AND ENDED WITH THE SUSPECT SHOT AND KILLED BY DEPUTIES! WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS WITH THE LATEST DETAILS. CD

JULY 22 - STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HAVE NABBED 132 PEOPLE WHO THOUGHT THEY'D BEATEN THE COURT SYSTEM IN DURHAM. PUBLIC SAFETY SECRETARY KIERAN SHANAHAN TALKED ABOUT A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN HIS DEPARTMENT, THE DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE DURHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CALLED OPERATION CANCELED FLIGHT. CD

JULY 24 – A BODY WAS FOUND YESTERDAY IN AN APARTMENT IN DURHAM AND POLICE ARE SAYING THE PERSON WAS MURDERED. WTVD TV'S JOHN CLARK HAS THE DETAILS. CD

JULY 25 – AN AMBER ALERT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR A 4-YEAR-OLD BOY AFTER HE WAS ALLEGEDLY TAKEN BY AN UNKNOWN MAN WEDNESDAY NIGHT. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS. CD

JULY 30 – POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A DOUBLE SHOOTING IN HARNETT COUNTY. WTVD TV'S GREG BARNES REPORTS. CD

JULY 30 – THE FBI SAYS A SERIES OF RAIDS IN 76 CITIES RESULTED IN THE RESCUE OF 105 CHILDREN WHO WERE FORCED INTO PROSTITUTION AND THE ARREST OF 150 PIMPS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH FBI SPECIAL AGENT SHAUNDRA DRUMMOND TO GET THE DETAILS THE THREE-DAY CRACKDOWN. CD

JULY 31 – A SERIES OF RAIDS CONDUCTED BY THE FBI LAST WEEKEND RESULTED IN THE RESCUE OF 105 CHILDREN FORCED INTO PROSTITUTION AND 150 ARRESTS. TO DATE, MORE THAN 2,700 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN RECOVERED FROM THE STREETS AS PART OF OPERATION CROSS COUNTRY ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH FBI SPECIAL AGENT SHAUNDRA DRUMMOND TO LEARN HOW KIDS END ON THE STREET AND IN THESE SITUATIONS TO BEGIN WITH. CD

JULY 31 – CHILDREN GROWING UP IN POVERTY ARE MORE LIKELY TO SMOKE THAN THOSE RAISED IN MORE FAVORABLE ECONOMIC SETTINGS. THE FINDINGS -- COMPILED BY DUKE RESEARCHERS -- DEBUNK COMMON ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT WHO ABUSE SUBSTANCES; THE STUDY'S LEAD AUTHOR, DR. BERNARD FUEMMELER (FEM-LERR), TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT ECONOMIC STRAINS IN EARLY LIFE – CAN ERODE A CHILD'S SELF-CONTROL, REGARDLESS OF STRONG PARENTING. CD

AUGUST 1 – GARNER POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A SHOOTING THAT SERIOUSLY INJURED ONE PERSON WEDNESDAY EVENING. WTVD TV'S ELAINA ATHENS HAS THE DETAILS SO FAR. CD

AUGUST 1 – JASON YOUNG'S IS SERVING LIFE FOR THE 2006 BEATING DEATH HIS PREGNANT WIFE. BUT HIS TIME IN COURT WAS NOT QUICK AND SPEEDY. YOUNG WAS ARRESTED IN 2009 AND TRIED IN 2011 ... BUT THE CASE ENDED WITH A DEADLOCKED JURY. AN INVESTIGATION OF JUROR MISCONDUCT FOLLOWED HIS 2012 RETRIAL -- AT WHICH HE WAS CONVICTED. NOW, AN APPELLATE ATTORNEY ARGUES THAT THE JUDGE WHO OVERSAW YOUNG'S RETRIAL RAN A SLIPSHOD COURTROOM, AND REQUESTS THE CONVICTION BE OVERTURNED. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH EXAMINED THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WITH CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY LAW PROFESSOR BRIAN BOYD. CD

AUGUST 5 – IN DURHAM A MISSING 2 YEAR OLD WAS FOUND SAFE AND SOUND. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS THE HAPPY DETAILS. CD

AUGUST 5 – ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY WARMER CLIMATE STRONGLY AFFECTS HUMAN CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE WORLDWIDE....WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. CD

AUGUST 6 – TWO ALTERNATE JURORS ARE TO EXPECTED TO BE SEATED AT A MURDER TRIAL IN RALEIGH AND THEN OPENING STATEMENTS CAN GET UNDERWAY. THE VICTIM IS A GOOD SMARTIAN WHO STOPPED TO HELP A WRECKED SUV ONLY TO BE SHOT. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON HAS THE DETAILS. CD

AUGUST 7 – RALEIGH POLICE ARE CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF A SHOOTING THAT LEFT ONE MAN DEAD. WTVD TV'S ELAINE ATHENS HAS THE LATEST. CD

AUGUST 8 – WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE DEADLY SHOOTING IN A RALEIGH NEIGHBORHOOD AND IT TURNS OUT THE SHOOTER AND THE VICTIMS WERE BEST FRIENDS... HERE'S ED CRUMP FROM WTVD. CD

AUGUST 8 – FORMER HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN LAROQUE WAS FOUND GUILTY IN JUNE ON A DOZEN COUNTS CONNECTED TO EMBEZZLEMENT, MISAPPROPRIATION OF GOVERNMENT MONEY AND TAX EVASION. HE IS SCHEDULED TO BE SENTENCED SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER IN FEDERAL COURT. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH THE REPORTER WHO FIRST SHINED A LIGHT ON THIS SCANDAL -- SARA OVASKSA (OH-VASS-KAH) WITH N-C POLICY WATCH. CD

AUGUST 13 – A MAN WORKING ON A CELL TOWER IN HARNETT COUNTY FELL TO HIS DEATH. WTVD TV'S GREG BARNES REPORTS. CD

AUGUST 14 – A MAN WRONGLY CONVICTED OF MURDER WALKED OUT F THE RALEIGH CORRECTIONAL CENTER A FREE MAN. LARRY LAMB FINALLY WON HIS FIGHT FOR FREEDOM WITH THE HELP FROM THE INNOCENSE COMMISSION. WTVD TV'S ELAINA ATHENS REPORTS ON WHAT LED TO THE RELEASE. CD

AUGUST 14 – AUTHORITIES ARE LOOKING FOR 2 SUSPECTS WHO SHOT A 13-YEAR OLD GIRL AND HER FATHER. THE SHOOTINGS HAPPENED JUST AFTER 1:30 THIS MORNING IN SOUTHERN WAKE COUNTY OFF OF OLD STAGE ROAD. AUTHORITIES DO NOT BELIEVE THIS TO BE A RANDOM ACT. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON REPORTS. CD

AUGUST 15 – A TEENAGE GIRL ANSWERED A KNOCK AT HER DOOR LEADS TO A FATHER AND A DAUGHTER GETTING SHOT. THE 9-1-1 CALL WAS RELEASED AND ON IT BOTH VICTIMS SPOKE TO POLICE. WTVD'S ELAINA ATHENS HAS THE LATEST DETAILS. CD

AUGUST 15 – THE FAMILY OF A YOUNG MAN FROM APEX BELIEVED TO BE A VICTIM OF A HIT-AND-RUN ON I-40 IS SPEAKING OUT. WTVD TV'S AMBER RUPINT. CD

AUGUST 16 – POLICE SAY A WILSON POLICE OFFICER SHOT A KNIFE-WIELDING MAN WHILE RESPONDING TO A REPORT OF A FIGHT AT A HOUSE THURSDAY AFTERNOON. WTVD TV'S ELAINA ATHENS REPORTS. CD

AUGUST 16 – OVERNIGHT THERE WAS A SHOOTING AT A DOWNTOWN RALEIGH NIGHTCLUB ON WEST STREET. WTVD TV'S CHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS THE DETAILS. CD

AUGUST 19 – A 5-YEAR-OLD CHILD WAS SHOT WHILE WALKING OUTSIDE IN RALEIGH SUNDAY AFTERNOON. WE GET MORE ON THE STORY FROM WTVD'S JOHN CLARK AND SHAYENNE RODRIGUEZ. CD

AUGUST 20 – A FIVE-YEAR OLD BOY WAS SHOT IN THE FOOT YESTERDAY AND WOMAN RUSHED INTO ACTION TO HELP THE FRANTIC MOTHER. WTVD TV'S BARBARA GIBBS HAS MORE. CD

AUGUST 22 – RALEIGH POLICE ARE TRYING TO FIND A WOMAN WHO WAS ASSAULTED AT A CONVENIENCE STORE OFF OF NEW BERN AVENUE IN RALEIGH AND THE MAN THEY SAY WHO DID IT. ALL THEY HAVE TO GO ON IS ARE SURVEILLANCE PICTURES. WTVD TV'S GREG BARNES HAS MORE. CD

AUGUST 22 – A MAN ACCUSED OF GUNNING DOWN A STATE TROOPER IN DURHAM IS EXPECTED IN COURT TODAY. MICHAEL BRADY FACES POSSIBLE ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHOOTING OF TROOPER MICHAEL POTTS AFTER A TRAFFIC STOP EARLIER THIS YEAR. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS THE DETAILS. CD

AUGUST 23 – GUNSHOTS RING OUT IN A WAKE FOREST SUPPLY STORE. AUTHORITIES SAY A WOMAN SHOT HERSELF IN A STAPLES LAST NIGHT. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THE STORY. CD

AUGUST 23 – DURHAM COUNTY SHERIFFS ARE INVESTIGATING AN OVERNIGHT SHOOTING. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED ALONG STONEY CREEK CIRCLE OFF OF MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS. CD

AUGUST 27 – OFFICIALS AT DUKE UNIVERSITY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT RECENT ROBBERIES AND BREAK-INS NEAR CAMPUS, AND THEY'RE CONSIDERING SOME NEW MEASURES TO KEEP STUDENTS SAFE. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS MORE. CD

AUGUST 28 – IT'S BEEN FOUR MONTHS SINCE KEVIN LEATHERS WAS FOUND BEATEN TO DEATH INSIDE ON A HOME ON GUESS ROAD IN DURHAM, AND SO FAR NO ONE HAS BEEN ARRESTED. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

AUGUST 30 – LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE COMBATING IMPAIRED DRIVING THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND WITH STEPPED UP PATROLS ON LAND AND ON SEA. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKED TO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL 1ST SERGEANT JEFF GORDON TO GET THE DETAILS ABOUT OPERATION "ON THE ROAD, ON THE WATER, DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE." CD

SEPTEMBER 4 – A NORTH CAROLINA APPEALS COURT HAS ORDERED THAT A CARY MAN CONVICTED OF STRANGLING HIS ESTRANGED WIFE IN 2008 SHOULD GET A NEW TRIAL. WTVD'S FRED CRUMP REPORTS. CD

SEPTEMBER 4 – SCHOOLS IN WATAUGA COUNTY WERE EVACUATED LAST WEEK WHEN AUTHORITIES RECEIVED A BOMB THREAT AGAINST ALL SCHOOLS IN THE AREA. THE THREAT WAS FOUND TO BE FALSE AND INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL WORKING TO FIND THE SOURCE OF THE CALL. DESPITE THE FALSE ALARM THE THREAT IS ALWAYS REAL, AND WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKED ABOUT THAT WITH WATAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF LEN HAGAMAN. CD

SEPTEMBER 4 – THE MAN WHO HELD THREE WOMEN HOSTAGE IN HIS HOUSE FOR OVER A DECADE WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS JAIL CELL LAST NIGHT. WTVD TV'S AMBER RUPINTA REPORTS. CD

SEPTEMBER 5 – TRACING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE SUSPECT -- THAT WAS THE FOCUS OF THE TESTIMONY YESTERDAY AT THE MURDER TRIAL OF GRANT HAYES -- AS WE HEAR IN THIS REPORT FROM ED CRUMP OF WTVD. CD

SEPTEMBER 9 – RECENTLY RELEASED CRIME STATISTICS SHOWED AN OVERALL DOWNWARD TREND. WHILE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER WELCOMES THAT NEWS, HE TELLS BRUCE FERRELL THEY DON'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY. CD

SEPTEMBER 11 – ANOTHER DAY IN COURT FOR A MAN CHARGED WITH A DEADLY WAKE COUNTY HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT -- ALANIA ATHENS OF WTVD IS AT THE WAKE COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER. CD

SEPTEMBER 16 – THE GRANT HAYES MURDER TRIAL IS EXPECTED TO GO TO THE JURY THIS MORNING. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON HAS A PREVIEW. CD

SEPTEMBER 17 – A JURY TOOK VERY LITTLE TIME TO DECIDE THE FATE OF GRANT HAYES, WHO WAS CHARGED WITH KILLING HIS FORMER WIFE, IN A CUSTODY DISPUTE OVER THEIR TWO CHILDREN. ED CRUMP FROM WTVD REPORTS. CD

SEPTEMBER 18 – A MAN NOW FACES CHARGES AFTER A MAJOR HAUL OF METH WAS FOUND IN HIS CAR NEAR THE RALEIGH DURHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. ED CRUMP OF WTVD HAS THIS REPORT. CD

SEPTEMBER 18 – THIS MORNING A DURHAM POLICE OFFICER IS ON ADMINISTRATIVE DUTY AFTER SHOOTING AND KILLING A MAN. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED IN DOWNTOWN DURHAM AS A DISTRAUGHT MAN WAVED A GUN AT OFFICERS. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON HAS THE STORY. CD

SEPTEMBER 19 – FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS WEEK, DURHAM POLICE RESPONDED TO CALL ABOUT A MAN WITH A GUN. HOWEVER, UNLIKE TUESDAY'S INCIDENT THINGS ENDED MUCH DIFFERENTLY. WTVD TV'S ED CRUMP REPORTS WITH THE LATEST DETAILS. CD

SEPTEMBER 23 – WAKE TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS MARKING ONE YEAR SINCE IT STARTED ITS OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT .. BRUCE FERRELL GOT AN UPDATE FROM POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL PENRY. CD

SEPTEMBER 23 – ONE WEEK AFTER THE NAVY YARD SHOOTING THE POLL NUMBERS REVEAL THE SUPPORT FOR MORE GUN LAWS WENT DOWN! BRIAN FREEMAN DISCUSSES WITH PAUL BEDARD WITH THE WASHINGTON POST THE NUMBERS AND THE BIG SHUT DOWN SHOWDOWN IN WASHINGTON. CD

SEPTEMBER 23 – NORTH CAROLINA'S MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES, THE STATE'S LARGEST AND MOST POPULAR MUSEUM, WAS VANDALIZED BY AN INTRUDER SUNDAY MORNING. AND THE POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR THE SUSPECT. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS THE STORY. CD

SEPTEMBER 24 – THERE ARE STILL UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VANDALISM AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES NATURE RESEARCH CENTER AND WTVD'S ED CRUMP MADE AN ATTEMPT TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE SOURCE. CD

SEPTEMBER 25 – RALEIGH POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A MAN WHO WEARS A MOTORCYCLE HELMET DRESSED ALL IN BLACK WHILE HOLDING HIS SUSPECTS AT GUNPOINT IN 3 ARMED ROBBERIES THAT HAVE HAPPENED THIS WEEK. WTVD TV'S ALENA ATHENS HAS THE DETAILS. CD

SEPTEMBER 27 – WHEN THE WAKE COUNTY JURY GETS THE TRIAL OF BRANDON SMITH IT SHOULD HAVE CARRY AN X-RATING WITH IT. THE DEFENSE RESTED ITS CASE YESTERDAY BUT NOT BEFORE ANOTHER DAY OF DRASTIC TESTIMONY. WTVD TV'S KELLI O'HARA HAS THE STORY FOR US. CD

SEPTEMBER 30 – FOR THE FIRST TIME ONE OF THE JURORS OF THE GRANT HAYES MURDER TRIAL GIVES A FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IN THE JURY ROOM. WTVD TV'S HEATHER WALIGA HAS THE DETAILS. CD

CR- Civil Rights

AUGUST 28 – TODAY IS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH ON WASHINGTON AND MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR'S "I HAVE A DREAM SPEECH"... PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH HIS NIECE, DR. ALVEDA KING, ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DAY AND WHERE WE ARE AFTER FIVE DECADES. CR

AUGUST 28 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RALEIGH'S ABE JONES,ATTORNEY AND FORMER JUDGE,ON DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S CAREER- CR

SEPTEMBER 2 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. DAVID ZONDERMAN-HISTORY PROFESSOR,NCSU-LABOR DAY AND "THE STATE OF THE UNIONS"- CR

EC - Economy/Employment

JULY 1 – WE'VE REACHED THE YEAR'S MID-POINT SO WHERE TO WE STAND ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT WHEN IT COMES TO JOBS, HOUSING AND THE STOCK MARKET? BRIAN FREEMAN GOT DETAILS FROM CBS SENIOR BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT JILL SCHLESINGER. EC

JULY 1 – EVEN THOUGH TAXES MAY NOT BE ON YOUR MIND, THE IRS WANTS TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR TAX PLANNING NOW. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH HAD A CHANCE TO CATCH UP WITH DAN BOONE AT THE IRS TO TALK ABOUT THEIR ANNUAL SUMMERTIME TAX TIP SERIES, WHICH IS FULL OF USEFUL INFORMATION. EC

JULY 5 - NORTH CAROLINA HAS CUT FEDERAL LONG-TERM JOBLESS BENEFITS WHICH AFFECTS NEARLY 70-THOUSAND NORTH CAROLINIANS... HOW DOES THAT IMPACT OUR STATE? WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSED THE CUTS DALE FOLWELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY AT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPT OF COMMERCE. EC

JULY 5 - EVEN THOUGH TAXES MAY NOT BE ON YOUR MIND, THE IRS WANTS TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR TAX PLANNING NOW. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH HAD A CHANCE TO CATCH UP WITH DAN BOONE AT THE IRS TO TALK ABOUT THEIR ANNUAL SUMMERTIME TAX TIP SERIES, WHICH IS FULL OF USEFUL INFORMATION. EC

JULY 8 - THE STOCK MARKET, EVEN WITH A FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY, SAW SOME INCREASES LAST WEEK...THIS ON THE NEWS OF OIL PRICES GOING OVER \$100 A BARREL AND GOOD NEWS ABOUT EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS FROM CBS SENIOR BUSINESS CONSULTANT JILL SCHLESINGER. EC

JULY 9 – THE ECONOMY IS SLOW GOING IN GROWTH AND MANY BUSINESSES ARE ON THE VERGE OF A COLLAPSE...AUTHOR OF "FLIP THE PYRAMID", GREG SLAMOWITZ, CHATS WITH DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE ABOUT WHAT SMALL AND MID SIZE BUSINESS NEED TO DO TO SURVIVE IN THIS ECONOMIC CLIMATE. EC

JULY 9 – FINANCIAL PLANNERS HAVE SAID THAT IF WE SAVED PROPERLY, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE BY THE "FOUR PERCENT RULE," BASICALLY WE'D BE ABLE TO WITHDRAW FOUR PERCENT ANNUALLY FROM OUR RETIREMENT WITHOUT EXHAUSTING IT. BUT TODAY'S ECONOMY IS TURNING THAT THEORY ON IT'S EAR AND WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH PNC BANK SENIOR WEALTH PLANNER KATHY KRAEBLEN (CRAY-BLIN) TO DISCUSS HOW TO BE PROACTIVE WITH RETIREMENT INVESTING. EC

JULY 10 – THE RECENT HEAVY RAINS AREN'T JUST AFFECTING OUR ROADS AND TIME AT THE BEACH. THE WET WEATHER IS CREATING PROBLEMS FOR FARMERS ACROSS THE TRIANGLE ESPECIALLY SMALL ORGANIC FARMERS. AS ONE LOCAL FARMER TELLS WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE IT'S HURTING HIS CROPS AND HIS BUSINESS. EC

JULY 11 – THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE HELD A HEARING WEDNESDAY ON THE PROPOSED PURCHASE THE NATION'S LARGEST U.S. PORK PRODUCER, BY A LARGE CHINESE FOOD COMPANY. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. EC

JULY 11 – WHAT NEWS HEADLINES ARE COMING FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES? BRIAN FREEMAN GETS A UPDATE FROM GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT HARVEY SCHMITT WITH "INSIDE THE RALEIGH CHAMBER." EC

JULY 17 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. MIKE WALDEN OF THE ECONOMICS FACULTY AT NCSU-COMMENTS ON THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY. EC

JULY 23 – A NEW BUDGET FOR THE STATE, MORTGAGE RATES ARE ON THE DESCENT AFTER A HEALTHY RISE, AND A MIXED REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION JOBS IN NORTH CAROLINA. WITH BUSINESS NEWS, HERE'S BRANDON DICKSON. EC

JULY 23 – IF YOU'RE A FULL TIME MEMBER OF THE MILITARY OR A RESERVIST -- OR IF YOU'VE RECENTLY ENTERED INTO CIVILIAN LIFE -- YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT SPECIAL TAX RULES THAT APPLY TO YOUR LINE OF WORK ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH MARK GREEN AT THE IRS TO LEARN ABOUT SOME OF THE TAX TIPS, DEDUCTIONS AND CREDITS AVAILABLE TO OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM... INCLUDING HOW TO DEDUCT SAID UNIFORM! EC

JULY 24 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-BOB CHANDLER OF MCVANTAGE ANSWERS QUESTIONS ABOUT APPLE COMPUTERS AND PRODUCTS-EC

JULY 24 – THIS MORNING THE DUKE FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS IS HOSTING A BREAKFAST FOR SOME LOCAL BUSINESS EXPERTS WHO WILL DISCUSS HOW ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAN SPUR JOB CREATION IN NORTH CAROLINA. OUR OWN JOSH ZACH IS/WAS AT THE EVENT AND BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH HIM ON WHAT THE EXPERTS ARE SAYING. EC

JULY 25 – APPLE CEO TIM COOK DRAFTED A 25-YEAR CAREER PLAN IN 1988 WHILE IN THE EVENING EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAM AT THE DUKE FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS. COOK WAS RECENTLY BACK ON CAMPUS, TALKING WITH DEAN BILL BOULDING ABOUT HOW THAT PLAN TURNED OUT DIFFERENTLY THAN HE EXPECTED. EC

JULY 25 – THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS ON THE LOOK OUT FOR ENTREPRENEURS, SO SAYS HARVEY SCHMITT FROM THE CHAMBER IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. EC

JULY 26 – ONE CIGARETTE COMPANY'S PROFITS ARE SMOKIN', AND TRANSPORTATION ORDERS ARE LEADING THE WAY IN DURABLE GOODS.....WITH BUSINESS NEWS, HERE'S MIKE DAVIS. EC

JULY 26 – WITH THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR UPON US, PARENTS ARE STOCKING UP ON SCHOOL SUPPLIES. AND WHILE MANY ARE WAITING FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S TAX FREE WEEKEND, TO SNARE SOME HOT TICKET ITEMS, SALES ARE ALREADY IN FULL SWING! WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKED WITH CONSUMER REPORTS' SHOPSMART DEPUTY EDITOR JODY ROHLENA (ROH-LEE-NUH) ABOUT HOW PARENTS CAN SAVE BIG RIGHT NOW ON OUTFITTING OUT BACK-TO-SCHOOLERS.. EC

JULY 30 – A GRADUATE OF THE DUKE FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, APPLE CEO TIM COOK RECENTLY WAS BACK ON CAMPUS AS PART OF HIS CLASS REUNION AND -- IN A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT WITH DEAN BILL BOULDING -- EXPLAINED THE "MAGIC" THAT HAPPENS WHEN BUSINESSES HIRE PEOPLE WHO FOCUS ON COLLABORATION. EC

JULY 30 – EVEN WHEN IT COMES TO MONEY THEY WON'T NEED FOR MORE THAN A DECADE MORE THAN A QUARTER OF AMERICANS PREFER CASH FOR THEIR LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS...WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. EC

JULY 31 – UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR JUNE INCREASED IN 81 OF THE STATE'S COUNTIES -- INCLUDING WAKE AND IN ALL OF THE STATE'S 14 METRO AREAS. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSED THE NUMBERS WITH LARRY PARKER WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. EC

JULY 31 – IN A SHIFT, PRESIDENT OBAMA OFFERS REPUBLICANS TODAY A "GRAND BARGAIN..." CUTS IN CORPORATE TAXES IN EXCHANGE FOR A JOBS PROGRAM. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PLAN WITH CBS BUSINESS NEWS ANALYST JILL SCHLESSINGER. EC

JULY 31 – A GLOBAL BIOTECH AGRICULTURE COMPANY -- WITH OPERATIONS ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA -- ANNOUNCED IT WILL EXPAND IT'S FOOTPRINT IN RTP. BILL HLAVAC (LAVICK) IS THE HEAD OF SITE OPERATIONS AT SYNGENTA ... HE TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT THE PROJECT AT THE COMPANY'S GLOBAL BIOTECH RESEARCH HEADQUARTERS WILL BRING MORE SKILLED JOBS TO THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE. EC

JULY 31 – MUCH LIKE BACK TO SCHOOL TIME FOR STUDENTS, HIRING SEASON REQUIRES ADVANCED PREPARATION ON BEHALF OF POTENTIAL NEW EMPLOYEES. SO, WHAT CAN JOB SEEKERS DO TO GAIN A LEG UP BEFORE THE FALL HIRING SEASON HAS COME AND GONE? CAREER COACH KATHLEEN BRADY GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN SOME INSIGHT AND IDEAS. EC

AUGUST 1 – SMART SHOPPERS IN NORTH CAROLINA HAVE BEEN HOLDING OFF AND SAVING ALL OF THEIR MONEY FOR THIS WEEKEND ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKED WITH KAY BELL OF BANK RATE TO GET A PREVIEW OF THE STATE'S TAX FREE WEEKEND. EC

AUGUST 2 – THE SALES TAX HOLIDAY THAT STARTS TODAY IS A FAVORITE AMONG NORTH CAROLINA SHOPPERS, BUT THIS MAY BE THE LAST YEAR THEY GET TO ENJOY IT. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO ANDY ELLEN FROM THE NC RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION ABOUT WHY THEY FEAR BUSINESS MAY BE SENT ACROSS THE STATE BORDER. EC

AUGUST 2 – THERE'S A REASON OUR HEALTHCARE COSTS ARE SO HIGH. AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL TALKS WITH BRIAN FREEMAN WHY AND A RALEIGH LANDMARK IS ON THE MOVE. EC

AUGUST 5 – NEW JOB NUMBERS WERE OUT FRIDAY, WTPF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED TO A FINANCIAL ANALYST ABOUT THE NUMBERS. EC

AUGUST 6 – IN JUST THREE YEARS A CAMPAIGN, WHICH ENCOURAGES ALL NORTH CAROLINIANS AND BUSINESSES TO SPEND 10 PERCENT OF THEIR FOOD DOLLARS ON LOCALLY PRODUCED FOODS, HAS LOGGED MORE THAN \$40 MILLION IN EXPENDITURES.WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE TEISHA WYMORE OF NC 10 PERCENT CAMPAIGN. EC

AUGUST 7 – YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR 20'S SAY THEY FEEL LESS FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT THAN THEY DID JUST TWO YEARS AGO, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY BY PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH PNC ECONOMIST MEKAEL TESHOME (MICK-ALE TESH-OH-MUH) WHO SAYS MANY IN THE AGE GROUP SUFFER FROM A FAILURE-TO-LAUNCH SYNDROME, DIRECTLY RELATED TO HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE SLOW ECONOMIC RECOVERY. EC

AUGUST 7 – NEW CAR SALES ARE STRONG SO WHY ARE CARS AND TRUCKS - ON U-S ROADS - ARE ON AVERAGE 11-POINT-4 YEARS OLD..... WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. EC

AUGUST 9 – MORE AND MORE GROCERY STORES ARE OPENING HERE IN THE TRIANGLE WHILE MORE DIRECT FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN ADDED AT RDU. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE LATEST FROM TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNALS AMANDA HOYLE. EC

AUGUST 12 – AFTER A SPECTACULAR RUN FOR SEVERAL YEARS, GOLD'S VALUE IS DOWN ALMOST ONE-THIRD OVER THE PAST YEAR. MANY GOLD INVESTORS ARE STUNNED, BUT SHOULD THEY BE? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN RESPONDS. EC

AUGUST 13 – IN THE THICK OF SUMMER'S SUN AND HUMIDITY, THE LAST THING MOST OF US WOULD THINK ABOUT IS TAXES. BUT THE IRS IS WORKING YEAR-ROUND TO MAKE SURE ANY QUESTIONS WE MIGHT HAVE CAN AND WILL BE ANSWERED, AND WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKED WITH IRS SPOKESMAN MARK HANSEN ABOUT THE SERVICE'S LATEST SUMMER TAX TIPS. EC

AUGUST 14 – NORTH CAROLINA'S ECONOMY GOT A BIG BOOST FROM TOURISTS LAST YEAR, WITH VISITORS SPENDING 19-POINT-4 BILLION DOLLARS AROUND THE STATE. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSED THE IMPACT OF THE SPENDING WITH WITT TUTTLE, THE NORTH CAROLINA DIRECTOR OF TOURISM AND MARKETING. EC

AUGUST 15 – RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK'S QUINTILES...THE WORLD'S LARGEST LIFE SCIENCE SERVICES FIRM... IS GROWING EVEN LARGER. IT'S ACQUIRING A NEARBY COMPETITOR--NOVELLA CLINICAL. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSED THE DEAL WITH TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL'S LAUREN OH-NAH-SORGE. EC

AUGUST 15 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-ATTORNEY FRANK DRAKE ON BANKRUPTCY AND BANKRUPTCY LAWS-EC

AUGUST 16 – SAVING MONEY CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY WHEN SAVING FOR RETIREMENT. BUT INTEREST-DOT-COM'S MIKE SANTE GAVE WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON SOME HELPFUL TIPS ON SAVING, AND ONE OF THEM MAY SURPRISE YOU. EC

AUGUST 19 – THE STOCK MARKET IS IN THE SUMMER DOLDRUMS AND INVESTORS HOPE IT'LL BEGIN TO SNAP OUT OF ITS SLUMP TODAY ... BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THAT AND OTHER BUSINESS NEWS FROM CBS'S JILL SCHLESINGER. EC

AUGUST 19 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. MIKE WALDEN-NC SU ECONOMICS PROFESSOR-COMMENTS ON THE ECONOMY- EC

AUGUST 20 – THE BIG STORY IN THE HOUSING INDUSTRY HAS BEEN THE EPIDEMIC OF FORECLOSURES AND THE RISING NUMBER OF HOMEOWNERS WHO OWN MORE ON THEIR MORTGAGE THAN THEIR HOME IS WORTH. NEW DATA IS BRINGING TO LIGHT AN INTERESTING TREND THAT'S RUN UNDER THE RADAR UNTIL NOW. BRIAN FREEMAN GOES IN-DEPTH WITH DONNA MARTINEZ WITH EYE OF LIFESTYLE. EC

AUGUST 21 – ENTREPRENEURS WANT TO PUT THEIR IDEAS IN FRONT OF AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE AND THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PARTNERING WITH "HQ RALEIGH," GIVES THEM THAT CHANCE WITH "STARTUP ALLEY" ON AUGUST 28TH. JEFF TIPPETT AND JASON WIDEN (WHY-DEN) GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN DETAILS OF THIS UPCOMING "SHARK TANK" TYPE CONTEST, TO BE HELD RIGHT HERE IN THE TRIANGLE. EC

AUGUST 22 – THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS/IS HOLDING THEIR SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND THEY ARE ALSO ABOUT TO CELEBRATE THEIR 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR FOUNDING 8-27-1888. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS FROM CHAMBER PRESIDENT HARVEY SCHMITT. EC

AUGUST 26 – A PROPOSED MERGER BETWEEN US AIRWAYS AND AMERICAN AIRLINES REMAINS UP IN THE AIR, A NORTH CAROLINA METRO-AREA IS NAMED ONE OF THE TOP 10 IN THE COUNTRY FOR HEALTH AND WEALTH, AND A UNIVERSITY IN NORTH CAROLINA RECEIVES A TOP 10 HONOR. WITH BUSINESS NEWS, HERE'S BRANDON DICKSON. EC

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AUGUST 30 – EACH YEAR, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS ENTER THE WORKFORCE AS INTERNS WITH THE GOAL OF BEING PERMANENTLY HIRED, BUT THIS SUMMER'S INTERNS ARE MAKING HEADLINES FOR DOING THE OPPOSITE. MO ROCCA REPORTS ON HOW INTERNS MADE THE NEWS. EC

AUGUST 30 – ALL BUT ONE LOCAL HOSPITAL IS PENALIZED THANKS TO OBAMACARE. AND TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL'S AMANDA HOYLE GIVES BRIAN FREEMAN THE LATEST, PLUS SOME NEWS ABOUT AREA GROWTH AND A LITTLE FOOTBALL NEWS. EC

AUGUST 30 – PROTESTS WERE HELD AROUND THE TRIANGLE ON THURSDAY, AS FAST FOOD WORKERS ASKED THEIR EMPLOYERS TO DOUBLE THEIR WAGES. AS STEPHANIE HAWCO REPORTS, IT'S A REQUEST MANY RESTAURANT OWNERS SAY THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO FILL. EC

SEPTEMBER 4 – ONE WEEK AGO WE SAW FAST FOOD WORKERS RISE UP AND MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD. THOSE VOICES CRIED THAT THEIR WAGES ARE NOT ENOUGH TO SURVIVE. THEY WANT A RAISE UP TO \$15 AN HOUR AND, DEPENDING ON THE CITY, THAT COULD BE A 100% RAISE! WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DUKE FUQUA ECONOMIST CAMPBELL HARVEY ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF DOUBLING THE MINIMUM WAGE. EC

SEPTEMBER 5 – WITH FULL TIME JOBS SCARCE THESE DAYS FOR EVEN THOSE MOST EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS, 20-SOMETHINGS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO LAND A JOB IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELD ARE FACING A NEW CHALLENGE: SHOWING THE BOSS THEY DESERVE TO KEEP THE JOB. DONNA MARTINEZ JOINS BRIAN FREEMAN FOR TODAY'S EYE ON LIFESTYLE. EC

SEPTEMBER 9 – FIRST IT WAS FAST FOOD WORKERS DEMAND HIGHER WAGES ... AS MUCH AS \$15 AN HOUR ... A WEEK LATER, WALMART EMPLOYEES DEMANDED FULL TIME POSITIONS STARTING AS 25-THOUSAND. ARE THE WORKERS BEING REALISTIC, OR ARE THEY USING THE NEGOTIATING TACTIC OF "ASK FOR MORE, ACCEPT LESS?" JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DUKE FUQUA ECONOMIST CAMPBELL HARVEY ABOUT EXPECTATIONS OF LOWER WAGE WORKERS IN GENERAL LABOR JOBS. EC

SEPTEMBER 10 – IF YOUR KID IS THINKING OF OPENING A LEMONADE STAND OR EVEN IF YOU ARE THINKING OF STARTING UP YOUR OWN BUSINESS OUT OF YOUR HOME YOU'LL WANT TO HEAR THIS CONVERSATION THAT WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON HAD WITH BUSINESS ANALYST AUSTIN HILL. EC

SEPTEMBER 11 – WALGREENS IS INCREASING ITS PRESENCE IN NORTH CAROLINA BY ACQUIRING RALEIGH-BASED KERR DRUG. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT THE DEAL WITH MICHAEL POLZIN (POLE-ZEEN), A SPOKESMAN FOR WALGREENS. EC

SEPTEMBER 11 – A NEW SURVEY FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS SHOWS THERE'S NOT MUCH OPTIMISM ABOUT THE FUTURE AMONG BUSINESS OWNERS. AS GREGG THOMPSON OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NFIB TOLD STEPHANIE HAWCO, OBAMA CARE IS LOOMING LARGE OVER THEIR PLANS. EC

SEPTEMBER 16 – RALEIGH HAS RACKED UP A TOP POSITION ON ANOTHER TRENDS LIST. THIS TIME, THE CAPITOL CITY IS SECOND ON THE RANKINGS OF THE "NEXT BIGGEST BOOM TOWNS IN THE U-S" BY FORBES - DOT-COM. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKED ABOUT THIS HONOR WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DOWNTOWN RALEIGH ALLIANCE'S DAVID DIAZ. EC

SEPTEMBER 16 – LAWERENCE SUMMER HAS WITHDRAWN AS A CANDIDATE FOR TAKING BEN BERNECKE'S JOB TO HEAD THE FED. CBS SENIOR BUSINESS CONSULTANT JILL SCHLESINGER TOLD BRIAN FREEMAN THAT THE DECISION IS MOVING THE MARKETS, AROUND THE WORLD, TO A HIGH AND POSITIVE TRADING LEVEL. EC

SEPTEMBER 16 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. MIKE WALDEN-ECONOMICS PROFESSOR,NCSU -MONTHLY REPORT ON THE ECONOMY- EC

SEPTEMBER 17 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-LISTENERS MEMORIES OF HURRICANE FLOYD (THIS DATE IN 1999)- EH

SEPTEMBER 17 – FULL RETIREMENT AGE - WHICH IS THE BEST AGE FOR RETIREMENT - IS 66, BUT WILL SOON MOVE UP TO 67 FOR THOSE BORN IN 1960 OR LATER. THAT IS ONE OF SEVERAL CHANGES THOSE GETTING CLOSE TO RETIREMENT WILL NOTICE. ANOTHER ONE IS THE SHIFT TO USING THE SOCIAL SECURITY'S WEBSITE TO PLAN, CALCULATE AND RECEIVE BENEFITS. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH MARK HINKLE - WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION - TO FIND OUT IF THIS MOVING FULL RETIREMENT AGE WILL BE A TREND, AND ALSO GET SOME HELPFUL TIPS ON HOW TO USE THE SOCIAL SECURITY'S WEBSITE. EC

SEPTEMBER 19 – ACCORDING TO RECENT NUMBERS DONE ON THE TRIANGLE'S MARKET, IT'S GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH HARVEY SCHMITT, THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TO FIND OUT MORE. EC

SEPTEMBER 23 – THE STATE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT SAYS THE AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 8.7 PERCENT, COMPARED WITH 8.9 PERCENT THE MONTH BEFORE. THE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS NOW 7.3 PERCENT, DOWN FROM A PEAK OF 10 PERCENT DURING THE RECESSION. MARLA ROTH TALKED WITH LARRY PARKER FROM THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT TO GO INSIDE THE NUMBERS. EC

SEPTEMBER 23 – DR. BEN LITALIEN (LE-TALIAN AS IN ITALIAN) IS THE FOUNDER AND PRINCIPAL OF FRANCHISEWELL AND HAS CREATED AN ORGANIZATION TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS, COMPANIES AND NON-PROFITS SEEKING A BETTER USE AND UNDERSTANDING OF FRANCHISING. IF YOU'VE EVER CONSIDERED FRANCHISING...DR. LITALIEN IS HOLDING A FREE FRANCHISEE SEMINAR TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT CAMBRIA SUITES IN MORRISVILLE. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED TO DR. LITALIEN TO GET DETAILS ON WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE EVENT. EC

SEPTEMBER 24 – WITH THE STRAIN ON THE ECONOMY, HOW CAN YOU IMPROVE YOUR BUSINESS? MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT TALKS WITH MICHELLE TUCKER, AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "SELL YOUR BUSINESS FOR MORE THAN IT'S WORTH", TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION AND GIVE TIPS ON HOW TO SELL A BUSINESS WHEN YOU FEEL THE BUSINESS IS WORTH MORE THEN WHAT THE MARKET IS VALUING IT AT THIS TIME. EC

SEPTEMBER 25 – ARE YOU LOOKING AT THAT OLD CAR IN YOUR GARAGE AND THINKING IT'S TIME TO TRADE UP TO A NEW MODEL? WELL, YOU'RE IN LUCK: NOW IS ACTUALLY ONE OF THE BEST TIMES OF YEAR TO GET A GREAT DEAL. BUT EVEN IF THE PRICE IS RIGHT, THE IDEA OF ALL OF THE RESEARCH, NEGOTIATING AND SHEER TIME CAR SHOPPING TAKES CAN CAUSE CONSUMERS TO HESITATE. BRIAN MOODY WITH AUTOTRADER TELLS BRIAN FREEMAN HOW TO AVOID THE SEVEN MOST COMMON CAR-SHOPPING MISTAKES. EC

SEPTEMBER 26 – MORE GLITZ AND GLAMOUR IS COMING TO DURHAM'S AMERICAN TOBACCO DISTRICT. WORD IS OUT THE DPAC IS EXPANDING, A NEW HOTEL IS ON THE VERGE OF GROUNDBREAKING... AND RESTAURANTS ARE MOVING IN. ALL THIS... PLUS.. WE NOW KNOW THE TECH GIANT GOOGLE HAS SELECTED THIS AREA AS PART OF THE ITS NEW "ENTREPRENEURS TECH HUB NETWORK." WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSES THE EXPANSION WITH MICHAEL GOODMAN... THE VICE PRESIDENT OF REAL ESTATE FOR CAPITOL BROADCASTING-- THE COMPANY THAT OWNS THE TOBACCO DISTRICT. EC

SEPTEMBER 26 – ALMOST HALF OF AMERICANS WHO'RE PLANNING THEIR RETIREMENT BELIEVE THEY'LL NEED TO WORK LONGER THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT IN ORDER TO SAVE ENOUGH TO LIVE. THE DATA WAS COMPILED IN A RECENT PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES SURVEY, AND WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH KATHY KRAEBLEN -- A PNC WEALTH MANAGER IN RALEIGH -- TO DISSECT THE FINDINGS. EC

SEPTEMBER 30 – AT MIDNIGHT THE GOVERNMENT WILL PARTIALLY SHUTDOWN IF THE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS CAN'T AGREE TO A SETTLEMENT. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH CBS NEWS BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER ABOUT THE MARKET REACTION TO THE IMMINENT SHUTDOWN. EC

ED- Education/PSA/Science

JULY 1 – MAKING A CAMPING TRIP FUN, EDUCATIONAL AND SIMPLE IS IMPORTANT FOR A CHILD, ESPECIALLY FOR THEIR FIRST CAMPOUT. ROD BAIN PROVIDES SOME TIPS IN THIS REPORT. ED

JULY 4 - THE FORMER ALL-WOMEN'S PEACE COLLEGE HAS JUST WRAPPED UP ITS FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR AS THE CO-ED WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO PRESIDENT DEBRA TOWNSLEY ABOUT THE TRANSITION. ED

JULY 5 - A NORTH CAROLINA GROUP IS HOPING TO INTEREST KIDS IN STEM EDUCATION - THAT'S SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH - AS EARLY AS 8 YEARS OLD. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO MONI SINGH, THE CEO OF STEM FOR KIDS, ABOUT HOW TO MAKE LEARNING THOSE FIELDS SEEM LIKE FUN. ED

JULY 8 - THIS MORNING WAKE COUNTY YEAR-ROUND SCHOOLS START A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS. ED

JULY 10 – 176,000 NORTH CAROLINIANS DEPEND ON STUDENT LOANS TO ATTEND COLLEGE, AND THE DOUBLING OF THE INTEREST RATE ON SUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOANS COULD HAMSTRING LOW INCOME

BORROWERS. THAT'S WHY U.S. SENATOR KAY HAGAN HAS INTRODUCED TO KEEP INTEREST RATES ON STUDENT LOANS LOW ... LEGISLATION SHE CALLS THE "KEEP STUDENT LOANS AFFORDABLE ACT OF 2013." ED

JULY 11 – CONGRESS IS LOOKING FOR A DEAL TO BRING BACK LOW INTEREST RATES ON STUDENT LOANS WHICH LOCAL STUDENTS SAY ARE HARD TO FIND. WTVD TV'S BARBARA GIBBS REPORTS. ED

JULY 12 – NO MOVEMENT ON THE EFFORTS ON CAPITAL HILL ON HOW TO DEAL WITH INTEREST RATES FOR STUDENT LOANS, WHICH COULD IMPACT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS IN OUR STATE... WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH CBS NEWS' BOB FUSS ON CAPITAL HILL. ED

JULY 23 – THE INK IS BARELY DRY ON THE NEW STATE BUDGET, AND IT'S ALREADY FACING A LEGAL CHALLENGE FROM NORTH CAROLINA TEACHERS. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS PRESIDENT RODNEY ELLIS ABOUT MEASURES THAT ELIMINATE TEACHER TENURE AND PROVIDE TAXPAYER-FUNDED VOUCHERS. ED

AUGUST 1 – GOVERNOR MCCRORY IS EXPECTED TO UNVEIL MORE OF HIS EDUCATION PLAN TODAY. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS SOME TEACHERS AREN'T PLEASED WITH WHAT THEY KNOW SO FAR. ED

AUGUST 2 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY HAS MADE SOME MAJOR EDUCATION POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS, INCLUDING A REDUCTION IN MANDATORY TESTING AND THE CREATION OF A "MASTER TEACHER" PROGRAM. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO ERIC GUCKIAN (GOO-CAN), THE GOVERNOR'S SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR ON EDUCATION, ABOUT THE PROPOSALS. ED

AUGUST 5 – THE DURHAM SCHOOL BOARD HAS PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED SUPERINTENDENT ERIC BECOATS FOR HIRING A DISTRICT BUS DRIVER TO TAKE HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO PRIVATE EVENTS. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT IT WITH SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR HEIDI CARTER. ED

AUGUST 5 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY WANTS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF MANDATORY TESTS THAT ARE GIVEN TO NORTH CAROLINA STUDENTS. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO STATE SUPERINTENDENT JUNE ATKINSON ABOUT WHETHER THE TESTING PROCESS IS GETTING RESULTS OR BECOMING A BURDEN ON TEACHERS. ED

AUGUST 6 – A SCHOOL IN RALEIGH IS SHUTTING DOWN JUST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ SPOKE WITH SOME OF THE PARENTS. ED

AUGUST 6 – THE WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM WILL MAKE NEW SUPERINTENDENT JIM MERRILL'S HIRING OFFICIAL TODAY. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS A PREVIEW. ED

AUGUST 6 – MONDAY MARKED AN HISTORIC DAY AT CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY, AS THEY OPENED THE DOORS TO THE FIRST NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL IN 35 YEARS IN NORTH CAROLINA. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND ITS UNIQUE MISSION WITH DR. JOHN KAUFMAN, THE DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE. ED

AUGUST 7 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-TIM TAYLOR AND STEVE ARNOLD OUR "COMPUTER GUYS" ANSWER COMPUTER-RELATED QUESTIONS-ED

AUGUST 9 – NORTH CAROLINA'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE CONTINUES TO CLIMB, REACHING A RECORD HIGH OF 82-POINT-5 PERCENT, UP FOURTEEN POINTS SINCE 2006. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT IT WITH JANE SHAW, THE PRESIDENT OF THE JOHN W. POPE CENTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY. ED

AUGUST 12 – THE UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS VOTED FRIDAY TO BAN STUDENTS ON ITS CAMPUSES FROM HAVING ROOMMATES OF THE OPPOSITE SEX. SOME ARGUED COED HOUSING LIKELY HELPED PREVENT HARASSMENT OF GAY, LESBIAN AND TRANSGENDER STUDENTS. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH SPOKE WITH STUART CAMPBELL -- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EQUALITY NC -- WHO BELIEVES THE DECISION WAS THE RESULT OF THE UNINFORMED PRESSURE. ED

AUGUST 12 – IT'S ALMOST BACK TO SCHOOL TIME... USA TODAY'S TECH GURU MARC SATLZMAN AND PATRICK JOHNSON WITH A COUPLE OF COMPUTERS THAT ARE PERFECT FOR WORK AND FUN. ED

AUGUST 13 – SCHOOL STARTS FOR THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS IN THE TRIANGLE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. USA TODAY TECH CONTRIBUTOR MARC SALTZMAN JOINS PATRICK JOHNSON TO TELL YOU ABOUT A NEW WAY FOR YOUR KIDS TO TAKE NOTES. ED

AUGUST 15 – DUKE ENERGY IS INVESTING MORE THAN SIX MILLION DOLLARS IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM THROUGH GRANTS THAT WILL TRAIN STUDENTS FOR IN-DEMAND JOBS. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT THE PROGRAM WITH DR. SCOTT RALLS, PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM. ED

AUGUST 15 – IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME AND WTPF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKS WITH BEST SELLING AUTHOR JENNIFER FORD BERRY ABOUT GETTING ORGANIZED BEFORE YOU CAN THE KIDS BEGIN THE SCHOOL YEAR. ED

AUGUST 16 – IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME AND WTPF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKS WITH BEST SELLING AUTHOR JENNIFER FORD BERRY ABOUT GETTING ORGANIZED BEFORE YOU CAN THE KIDS BEGIN THE SCHOOL YEAR. ED

AUGUST 20 – SCHOOL STARTS FOR THE TRADITIONAL CALENDAR IN LESS THAN A WEEK. AND IN WAKE COUNTY THERE IS A PUSH TO MAKE SURE THAT BUSING PROBLEMS THAT PLAGUED THE COUNTY LAST YEAR DON'T HAPPEN THIS YEAR. WTVD TV'S CHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS MORE. ED

AUGUST 21 – WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL LEADERS SAY THEY HAVE A BETTER BUSING SYSTEM FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. LAST YEAR'S PROBLEM WAS CENTERED ON TOO BUSES AND TOO FEW DRIVERS. MANY STUDENTS WERE GETTING TO SCHOOL AND HOME VERY LATE. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS MORE. ED

AUGUST 21 – WHETHER TAKING THEIR KIDS FOR THEIR FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN OR SENDING THEM OFF TO COLLEGE, PARENTS ALWAYS WANT TO EQUIP THEIR CHILDREN WITH THE RIGHT TOOLS TO SUCCEED. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH GALILEO VIEIRA AT MICROSOFT WHO SAYS THEY HAVE A FLURRY OF NEW APPS GEARED TOWARD LEARNING THAT ARE EDUCATIONAL AND FUN AT THE SAME TIME. ED

AUGUST 21 – STUDENTS AT SHAW UNIVERSITY GOT A DRAMATIC LESSON IN FIRE SAFETY ON TUESDAY, AS THEY WATCHED TWO SIMULATED DORM ROOMS BURN UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF RALEIGH FIREFIGHTERS. STEPHANIE HAWCO HAS THE STORY. ED

AUGUST 22 – AS STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO COLLEGE, MANY OF THEM ARE PAYING TUITION AND ENDING UP WITH LOANS THAT THREATEN TO BURY THEM FINANCIALLY WHEN THE BILL COMES DUE. ONE ANALYST SAYS IT IS POSSIBLE TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE DEBT-FREE, AS DONNA MARTINEZ TOLD BRIAN FREEMAN WITH OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. ED

AUGUST 22 – VINYL GAVE WAY TO THE CASSETTE. TAPE WAS RETIRED BY THE CD, AND TODAY WE RARELY TOUCH A TANGIBLE MEDIUM; IT'S DIGITAL ... VIRTUAL. SIMILAR CHANGES ARE HAPPENING IN THE FIELD OF NEWS JOURNALISM: CONSIDER THE CIRCULATION STRUGGLE OF MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS AS WE SWITCH TO ONLINE DELIVERY. WITH THESE CHANGES -- THAT SEEM TO HAPPEN DAILY -- HOW CAN UNIVERSITIES STAY RELEVANT WITH TEACHING TOMORROW'S JOURNALISTS? WPTF'S JOSH ZACH EXPLORES THIS ISSUE WITH DR. LYNN OWENS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION AT WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY. ED

AUGUST 23 – USING THE STATE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S AS A BETTER LINK FOR THOSE SEEKING HIGHER DEGREES, IT WAS ONE OF THE TOPICS DON CURTIS DISCUSSED WITH SYSTEM PRESIDENT SCOTT RAWLS ON A RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS. ED

AUGUST 23 – WAKE COUNTY VOTERS HEAD TO THE POLLS ON OCTOBER 8TH TO DECIDE ON AN 810 MILLION DOLLAR SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM. STEPHANIE HAWCO TELLS US ABOUT THE ROLE POLITICS IS PLAYING IN THE DEBATE. ED

AUGUST 26 – WITH THE START OF TRADITIONAL SCHOOL BEGINNING TODAY, THE WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM IS STILL TRYING TO FILL DOZENS OF VACANT POSITIONS. WTVD TV'S HEATHER WALIGA REPORTS. ED

AUGUST 26 – AS THE DUSTUP OVER COMMON CORE CONTINUES IN NORTH CAROLINA, NATIONAL EDUCATORS ARE STEPPING IN TO DEFEND THE CURRICULUM. STEPHANIE HAWCO DISCUSSED IT WITH DENNIS VAN ROEKEL (ROE-CULL), THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION. ED

AUGUST 26 – A RECENT SURVEY OF MULTIMEDIA EMPLOYERS FINDS A LACK OF CONFIDENCE WHEN IT COMES TO THE EMPLOYABILITY OF COLLEGE GRADUATES. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE ISSUES AT PLAY WITH DR. LYNN OWENS -- ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY -- TO FIND OUT IF STUDENTS MAJORING IN COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM HAS EXPECTATIONS THAT CONTRADICT WHAT EMPLOYERS ARE THINKING WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR "OUT OF THE GATE" SKILLS. ED

AUGUST 27 – FOR MOST OF NORTH CAROLINA'S TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS-- THE YEAR IS NOW OFF AND RUNNING. IN WAKE COUNTY, SCHOOL SPOKESPERSON RENEE MCCOY GIVES THE COMMUTE TO AND FROM SCHOOLS ABOUT AN A-MINUS...THAT'S BECAUSE THE DISTRICT IS NOT EXPERIENCING THE PROBLEMS IT DID LAST YEAR... WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKED TO HER ABOUT WAYS PARENTS CAN HELP MAKE THIS YEARS' COMMUTE AN A-PLUS! ED

AUGUST 27 – CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE ON THE RISE. EMBER REICHGOTT JUNGE (RYSHE-GOTT-YOUNG)- A FORMER MINNESOTA STATE SENATOR AND AUTHOR- TALKED ABOUT THE GROWTH OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ON OUR SISTER STATION TALK RADIO 850. ED

AUGUST 27 – WITH SUMMER COMING TO A CLOSE AND KIDS HEADING BACK TO SCHOOL, STATE OFFICIALS ARE OFFERING SOME SAFETY REMINDERS TO PARENTS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER ABOUT WHAT PARENTS NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT WHEN THEIR KIDS ARE BEING WHISKED AWAY TO TRAIN THEIR BRAINS.. ED

AUGUST 28 – A SURVEY OF TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS FINDS THAT AN ALARMING NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN NORTH CAROLINA AREN'T GETTING A HEALTHY BREAKFAST, EVEN IF THEY QUALIFY FOR FREE PROGRAMS. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT IT WITH HELEN ROBERTS OF NO KID HUNGRY NORTH CAROLINA. ED

SEPTEMBER 3 – WHILE IT HASN'T BEEN AROUND LONG -- IN TERMS OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS -- N.C. STATE'S VETERINARIAN MEDICINE PROGRAM IS WORKING ITS WAY TOWARD THE FRONT OF THE PACK. ED

SEPTEMBER 10 – LAST WEEK, A REPORT ON SCHOOL SAFETY WAS DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY. WHERE DO GO FROM HERE? MARLA ROTH ABOUT THAT WITH FRANK PERRY, THE STATE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY. ED

SEPTEMBER 19 – IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH BARLOW HERGET OF SGRTODAY.COM, FERRELL GUILLORY DISCUSSED THE PROGRAM ON PUBLIC LIFE AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL AND HIS VIEWS ON PUBLIC EDUCATION. ED

SEPTEMBER 20 – NC STATE UNIVERSITY IS TAKING THE LEAD ON A FIVE YEAR 7.3 MILLION DOLLAR "CITIZEN SCIENCE" INITIATIVE FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH DR HOLLY MENNINGER DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SCIENCE WITH THE YOUR WILDLIFE PROGRAM AT NC STATE . ED

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SEPTEMBER 26 – IN JUST A FEW WEEKS, WAKE COUNTY VOTERS WILL GO TO THE POLLS TO DECIDE ON A \$810 MILLION DOLLAR SCHOOL BOND TO PAY TO BUILD SCHOOLS, RENOVATE OTHERS... AND REPLACE EQUIPMENT. SUPPORTERS SAY IT IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE A BETTER ATMOSPHERE FOR LEARNING. BUT CRITICS, LIKE THE WAKE COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION BELIEVE ITS COSTS OUTWEIGH THE BENEFITS. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH AND THE TAXPAYER ASSOCIATION'S TONY PECORARO DISCUSS ITS POSITION. ED

SEPTEMBER 30 – THE RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WEDNESDAY VOTED 6-1 TO REVERSE ITS PREVIOUS VOTE BANNING RALPH ELLISON'S LITERARY CLASSIC, "THE INVISIBLE MAN," FROM RANDOLPH COUNTY SCHOOLS. CHRIS BROOK LEGAL DIRECTOR FOR THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA SAYS THE BOARD RIGHTED A WRONG. ED

SEPTEMBER 30 – THE WAKE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP IS LAUNCHING THE FIRST EVER WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM HALL OF FAME. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN LEARNS MORE FROM STEVE PARROT PRESIDENT OF WAKE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP. ED

SEPTEMBER 30 – VOTERS WILL DECIDE WHETHER WAKE COUNTY SHOULD BORROW \$810 MILLION FOR SCHOOL CONTRUCTION AND RENOVATION ON OCTOBER 8TH. SUPPORTERS SAY THE MONEY IS NECESSARY FOR CLASSROOMS AND CRITICS ARGUE THE COUNTY CAN'T AFFORD ANY MORE BOND DEBT. TO DEBATE THIS ISSUE, PHIL ZACHERY,PRESIDENT AND COO OF CURTIS MEDIA GROUP AND CO-CHAIR OF FRIENDS OF WAKE COUNTY, AND KEITH SUTTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, AND TONY PECORARO, A MEMBER OF THE WAKE COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, ALL SIT DOWN WITH BILL LUMAYE. ED

EH - Environment/Health

JULY 1 – A FLASH FLOOD WATCH CONTINUES FOR OUR AREA AND ACCORDING TO DAN PADANOWSKI AT ACCUWEATHER, WE ARE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET...AS HE TOLD OUR BRIAN FREEMAN. EH

JULY 1 – HEAVY RAIN DUMPED ON PARTS OF THE TRIANGLE SUNDAY OVERWHELMED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND CAUSED FLASH FLOODS IN IN SOME AREAS. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS ON THE FLOODING IN CHAPEL HILL. EH

JULY 2 - NORTH CAROLINA HAS BEEN INUNDATED WITH UNUSUALLY COOL AND WET CONDITIONS, AND OFFICIALS SAY MORE HEAVY RAIN COULD CAUSE CROP DAMAGE. AGRONOMIST DON NICHOLSON TELLS WPTF'S MARLA ROTH THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS COULD BE DELAYED OR DAMAGED CROP AT THE GROCERY STORE. EH

JULY 3 - AGRICULTURE COMMISIONER STEVE TROXLER HAS ISSUED AN EMERGENCY QUARANTINE AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF A RARE INSECT... THE EMERALD ASH BORER IN GRANVILLE, PERSON AND VANCE COUNTIES. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKED TO THE NC AGRICULTURE PLANT AND PEST ADMINISTRATOR PHIL WILSON ABOUT THIS PESKY INSECT AND HOW IT COULD HURT THE STATE'S ASH TREE CROP. EH

JULY 5 - THE STATE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT IS LAUNCHING AN COMPETITION THAT INVOLVES LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND HOME GROWN FOOD... RHONDA GARRISON FROM SFNTODAY.COM TALKED WITH TIM PARRISHL, A FOOD SERVICE MARKETING SPECIALIST ABOUT THE DIG INTO LOCAL 90 DAY CHALLENGE WHICH STARTS IN THE COMING WEEK. EH

JULY 8 - THE AREA IS BACK IN A RAINY PATTERN THIS WEEK AS WE NOW ALSO HAVE TO WATCH THE TROPICS FOR A NEW TROPICAL STORM, CHANTAL. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH ACCUWEATHER ABOUT WAT WE CAN EXPECT RAIN WISE THIS WEEK AND WHEN WE MAY FEEL THE AFFECTS OF TROPICAL STORM CHANTAL. EH

JULY 8 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-T. DELENE BREELAND ON HER NEW BOOK,"THE SECRET WORLD OF RED WOLVES:THE FIGHT TO SAVE NORTH AMERICA'S 'OTHER 'WOLF". EH

JULY 10 – HURRICANE SEASON IS UPON US, AND THAT MEANS ITS TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE NATURAL DISASTER AND THE DESTRUCTION IT BRINGS. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPERT ROMAN SUAREZ (SWORE-ES) TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU NEED TO BE READY FOR POTENTIAL STORMS AND AN INSURANCE TIDBIT THAT MAY SHOCK YOU. EH

JULY 11 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-ROD GONSKI,METEOROLOGIST TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER- EH

JULY 11 – IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE NEVER GETTING OUT OF THIS CONSTANT STREAM OF RAINSTORMS THIS SUMMER. WILL WE EVER GET A BREAK? BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH ACCUWEATHER'S BILL DAGER TO FIND OUT. EH

JULY 22 - IF YOU ARE LIVING IN ONE OF THE ALMOST FORTY STATES THAT HAVE STINKBUGS, GARY CRAWFORD HAS SOME TIPS FROM AN EXPERT ON HOW TO LIVE WITH THE LITTLE BUGGERS. EH

JULY 24 – BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH ACCUWEATHER'S DAN D'PODWIN TO GET A LOOK AT WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT THIS WEEK AND SOMETHING THAT IS BREWING THE TROPICS. EH

JULY 25 – TROPICAL STORM DORIAN IS OUT IN THE ATLANTIC AND WHILE IT'S A WEEK OR MORE AWAY FROM POSSIBLY AFFECTING OUR WEATHER, WE STILL NEED TO WATCH THIS GROWING STORM. SO SAYS JOHN GRISHACK AT ACCUWEATHER. EH

JULY 26 – TROPICAL STORM DORIAN CONTINUES TO CHURN IN THE ATLANTIC AND EVEN AT A WEEK "OUT" FROM POSSIBLY AFFECTING OUR WEATHER, IT'S A STORM TO WATCH. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE LATEST FROM ACCUWEATHER'S JOHN GRISHACK. EH

JULY 29 – WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA IS TRYING TO DRY OUT AND CLEAN UP AFTER THIS WEEKEND'S MASSIVE RAINFALL, CAUSING THE WORST FLOODING IN 70 YEARS. DANA KAMINSKE (KAH-MEN-SKEE), SPOKESWOMAN WITH HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, SAYS TWO ROADS HAVE BEEN CLOSED BECAUSE BRIDGES WERE WASHED AWAY. EH

JULY 30 – FLOODING HAS HIT THE HICKORY AREA OF NORTH CAROLINA AND IT MAY BE MONTHS UNTIL SOME ROADWAYS ARE REPAIRED. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE LATEST ON THE RECOVERY EFFORT FROM CBS REPORTER JIM KRASULA. EH

AUGUST 1 – A NONPROFIT WHICH THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA CREATED FIVE YEARS AGO TO DEVELOP LOCALLY GROWN BIOFUELS ANNOUNCED IT'S CLOSING ITS DOORS AT THE END OF OCTOBER. RHONDA GARRISON WITH THE SOUTHERN FARM NETWORK HAS THE STORY. EH

AUGUST 1 – THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT, ON WEDNESDAY, BEGAN AUCTIONING OFF LEASES FOR A WIND ENERGY AREA OFF THE NORTHEAST COAST ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH REPORTS. EH

AUGUST 2 – COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY HAS UNVEILED A NEW PROJECT AIMED AT BETTER PREDICTING HURRICANES AND THEIR PROBABILITY OF MAKING LANDFALL. LEN PIETRAFESA (PEE-ET-RUH-FAY-ZUH) IS PART OF THE HUGO PROJECT (HURRICANE GENESIS AND OUTLOOK) TEAM, AND ADDRESSES HOW THEY ARE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE FEAT. EH

AUGUST 2 – A LARGE BLACK BEAR WAS SPOTTED BY SEVERAL CLAYTON AREA RESIDENTS THIS MORNING ALONG CASSELBERRY ROAD NEAR HIGHWAY 42 EAST. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED FROM GREG BATTS WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION THAT WHILE THE LOCATION OF THE SIGHTING IS UNUSUAL, IT'S NOT SO UNUSUAL TO SEE BEARS ROAMING AROUND AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. EH

AUGUST 5 – AFTER WEEKS OF DAILY RAIN AND THUNDERSTORMS, ACCUWEATHER'S BILL DAGER TOLD BRIAN FREEMAN THAT WE CAN EXPECT A NICE DAY TODAY, BUT TOMORROW WILL BE MORE LIKE "BACK TO THE FUTURE" FOR OUR WEATHER. EH

AUGUST 6 – EVERY DAY WE SEE THE GROWING USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS NOT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BUT AGAINST PEOPLE ... THAT'S WHAT LIFETIME ENVIRONMENTALIST GREG WALCHER SAYS ABOUT THE U.S. IN HIS NEW BOOK, SMOKING THEM OUT. THE AUTHOR TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT SIGNIFICANT SHIFTS IN PUBLIC OPINION -- FROM PREVIOUS YEARS -- ILLUSTRATE THAT NOW IS THE TIME FOR A NEW APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, BUT NO APPROACH CAN WIN UNLESS IT IS PERCEIVED TO BE PRO-ENVIRONMENT. EH

AUGUST 7 – ACCORDING TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE NUMBER OF MANAGED HONEYBEE COLONIES HAS DECREASED FROM 5 MILLION IN THE 1940S TO 2.5 MILLION TODAY. WITH A THIRD OF U.S. CROP PRODUCTION DEPENDENT ON BEES, DOUG KELLETT TALKS WITH JAY GUTERREZ (G00-TA-REZ) ABOUT WHY THEY'RE DYING, AND THE IMPACT ON THE WORLD FOOD SUPPLY! EH

AUGUST 8 – A SAN FRANCISCO ENTREPRENEUR HAS COME UP WITH A FUTURISTIC IDEA TO HELP SAVE ENERGY AND TO CREATE A MORE BEAUTIFUL NIGHTTIME ENVIRONMENT FOR US ALL TO ENJOY. ANTONY EVANS SAYS THAT IF HE'S SUCCESSFUL, GLOW-IN-THE-DARK TREES COULD ONE DAY REPLACE TRADITIONAL STREETLIGHTS. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE DETAILS ON THIS "ENLIGHTENING" SUBJECT WITH DONNA MARTINEZ, WITH "EYE OF LIFESTYLE." EH

AUGUST 8 – THE SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT HAS DECLARED AN ALERT FOLLOWING AN EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION WHICH CAUSED THE PLANT TO LOSE POWER AT 3-05 THIS MORNING TO "NON-SAFETY RELATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT"... OFFICIALS WITH AT THE NUCLEAR PLANT IN WAKE COUNTY SAID THERE WERE NO RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS BEING RELEASED BECAUSE OF THE

INCIDENT... WHILE CONDITIONS REQUIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES TO BE IN A HEIGHTENED STATE OF READINESS, OFFICIALS SAY THIS POSES NO THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY. EH

AUGUST 14 - TOMKEARNEY SHOW-NICK PETRO OF NOAA_NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE-TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER WITH AN UPDATE ON THE HURRICANE SEASON-EH

AUGUST 16 – RESEARCHERS-- INCLUDING A NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, HAS DISCOVERED A NEW SPECIES OF CARNIVORE. IT'S CALLED THE OH-LIN-GWEET-OH. CBS NEWS' TARA MERCHNER TELLS US THIS LITTLE CREATURE HAS ACTUALLY BEEN HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT... AT THE ZOO. EH

AUGUST 20 – THIS RAIN MONDAY IS JUST ADDING TO INSULT THE ALREADY OVERLY-SATURATED SOIL IN THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAINS. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH AN OFFICIAL IN ASHEVILLE ABOUT ALL THE PROBLEMS FROM THE RAIN. EH

AUGUST 20 – BEE HIVES ARE DYING OFF OR EVEN DISAPPEARING IN SOME CASES. THIS STILL UNSOLVED MYSTERY HAS THE ABILITY TO WREAK HAVOC ON THE WORLD'S AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKS ABOUT THIS MALADY CALLED THE COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER WITH NC STATE'S PROFESSOR OF ENTOMOLOGY DR. DAVID TARPY. EH

AUGUST 26 – JUST IN TIME FOR THE HEIGHT OF THE HURRICANE SEASON, THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR BUSINESS AND HOME SAFETY RELEASED A MIDTERM UPDATE TO ITS RATING THE STATES REPORT. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH ASSESSES NORTH CAROLINA'S NUMBERS WITH IBHS PRESIDENT JULIE ROCH-MAN. EH

AUGUST 27 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-BARRY PORTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS ON PREPARING FOR THE HURRICANE SEASON- EH

AUGUST 30 – THE KIDS ARE BACK IN SCHOOL, BUT THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND SHOULD STILL FEEL LIKE SUMMER WHETHER YOU'RE STAYING HERE OR HEADING TO THE BEACH OR THE MOUNTAINS...SO SAYS ACCUWEATHER'S CHRISTINA BAKER. EH

SEPTEMBER 4 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW- TOM EARNHARDT,HOST OF N.C. PUBLIC TV'S "EXPLORING NORTH CAROLINA"-TALK ABOUT HIS NEW BOOK",CROOSROADS OF THE NATURAL WORLD"-EH

SEPTEMBER 9 – AFTER A WONDERFUL WEATHER WEEKEND, THE CHANCE OF RAIN IS BACK...AS BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED FROM ACCUWEATHER'S BILL DAGAR. EH

SEPTEMBER 10 – NORTH CAROLINA SEA GRANT IS TEAMING UP WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN GEORGIA -- AS WELL AS THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA -- TO LAUNCH A PROJECT AIMED AT DEVELOPING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION PLANS RELATED TO COASTAL HAZARDS. TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF SEA GRANT NC AND THEY WORK BEING DONE, WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH SEA GRANT ADAPTATION SPECIALIST JESS WHITEHEAD. EH

GA – Government Affairs

JULY 1 – NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER IS URGING HOUSE LAWMAKERS NOT TO ELIMINATE PISTOL PERMITS. COOPER SAYS ENDING THE PISTOL PERMIT PROGRAM WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR CRIMINALS AND OTHER DANGEROUS PEOPLE TO BUY GUNS... WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL . GA

JULY 1 – THE SUPREME COURT RULING ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE HAS OPENED THE DOOR LEADING TO THE POSSIBILITY OF REDEFINING WHAT HAS BEEN CALLED MARRIAGE... DOUG KELLETT SPEAKS WITH THE AUTHOR OF "TERM LIMITS: AN EVOLUTIONARY FIX FOR MARRIAGE", BRAD BROWN, TO ANSWER WHETHER OR NOT THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE IS UNDER ATTACK? GA

JULY 1 – 292 TEA PARTY ORGANIZATIONS WERE TARGETED BY THE IRS, BUT ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT AUDIT...ONLY 6 PROGRESSIVE GROUPS WERE TARGETED. A STORY MUCH DIFFERENT THAN ONE ADVANCED BY WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS. PAUL BEDARD FROM THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY. GA

JULY 8 - CUTS TO JOBLESS BENEFITS KICK IN...MORE ARRESTS ON MORAL MONDAY...AND A VOTE ON A CONTROVERSIAL ABORTION BILL BRINGS HUNDREDS OF PROTESTERS TO JONES STREET. STEPHANIE HAWCO HAS THIS WEEK'S LOOK AT THE STORIES THAT MADE NEWS IN THE CAPITAL. GA

JULY 8 - WHILE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONTINUES TO WRESTLE WITH TAX REFORM, THERE'S CURRENTLY NO STATE BUDGET --- WHILE GOVERNMENT OPERATES ON A TEMPORARY RESOLUTION, WHAT'S HOLDING UP THE SPENDING PLAN. RAN COBLE RECENTLY PROVIDED SOME INSIGHT ON THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO CHAMBERS VERSIONS TO OUR OWN TOM KEARNEY. GA

JULY 9 – THE COURTS HAVE UPHELD LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS DRAWN BY REPUBLICANS AND CHALLENGED BY DEMOCRATS AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS, WHO SAY THEY DILUTE THE INFLUENCE OF BLACK VOTERS. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO JANE PINKSY WITH THE NC COALITION TO LOBBYING AND GOVERNMENT REFORM ABOUT WHY A NON-PARTISAN PROCESS MIGHT WORK BETTER. GA

JULY 9 – A THREE-JUDGE PANEL HAS UPHELD THE BOUNDARIES FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, WHICH WERE DRAWN BY REPUBLICANS AND CHALLENGED BY DEMOCRATS. PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED ABOUT THE DECISION WITH DR. DAVID MCLENNAN, PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY. GA

JULY 10 – STATE LEGISLATORS HAVE A LONG LIST OF UNRESOLVED ISSUES TO TACKLE BEFORE THEY WRAP UP THIS YEAR'S SESSION. ONE OF THEM IS A BILL ON CREATING RULES FOR FUTURE FRACKING OPERATIONS, INCLUDING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FLUID COMPANIES INJECT INTO THE GROUND. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH GRADY MCCALLIE (MC-CAW-LEE) POLICY DIRECTOR WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION NETWORK, TO TALK ABOUT THE BENEFITS -- IF ANY -- TO FRACKING IN THE TAR HEEL STATE. GA

JULY 12 – THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION SAYS IT WANTS TO CHALLENGE NORTH CAROLINA'S CONSTITUTIONAL BAN ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGES BY ASKING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ALLOW THE GROUP TO AMEND AN EXISTING LAWSUIT ON SECOND-PARENT ADOPTIONS. BILL LUMAYE TALKS WITH CHRIS BROOK, LEGAL DIRECTOR OF NORTH CAROLINA'S BRANCH OF THE A.C.L.U. ABOUT THE LAWSUIT AND THE ADOPTION RULES. GA

JULY 12 – THE STATE HOUSE APPROVED THE ABORTION BILL YESTERDAY WHICH NOW GOES TO THE SENATE NEXT WEEK. IT SAYS IT'S FOR MAKING THE PROCEDURE SAFER FOR WOMEN, BUT OPPONENTS ARGUE IT'S AN ATTEMPT TO SHUT DOWN ALL ABORTION CLINICS IN THE STATE. BARLOW HERGET FROM SGRTODAY.COM, TALKS WITH BRIAN FREEMAN TO TALK ABOUT DETAILS. GA

JULY 22 - SENATE LEADERS ROLLED OUT THEIR VERSION OF VOTER ID LEGISLATION THIS WEEK, WITH EVEN MORE RESTRICTIONS ON THE TYPES OF IDENTIFICATION THAT COULD BE USED AT THE POLLS. CRITICS SAY THE REFORMS WOULD SUPPRESS THE VOTES OF MINORITIES AND LOW-INCOME VOTERS. REVEREND WILLIAM BARBER WITH THE NAACP SAYS THAT WILL BE THE FOCUS OF THE NEXT MORAL MONDAYS PROTEST. GA

JULY 22 - THIS MORNING STATE LAWMAKERS ARE EXPECTED TO REVEAL MORE ABOUT A BUDGET DEAL REACHED LATE LAST NIGHT. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS PROPOSAL. GA

JULY 22 - FOLLOWING THE YEARS OF BUSHES IN THE WHITE HOUSE, HARRY REID IS NOW SUGGESTING THAT THE CLINTONS, INCLUDING CHELSEA, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS PRESIDENT. GA

JULY 23 – THE STATE BUDGET THAT WAS JUST RELEASED BY REPUBLICAN LEADERS TAKES NEW POLICY STANCES ON CAREER STATUS FOR TEACHERS AND PUBLICLY-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS. AS STEPHANIE HAWCO REPORTS, THOSE MEASURES MAY ALREADY BE HEADED FOR COURT. GA

JULY 24 – AT THE LEGISLATURE LAWMAKERS VOTING TO RELAX GUN CONTROL RESTRICTIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND THEY'RE ALSO DIRECTING AGENCIES TO CRAFT RULES FOR FRACKING STARTING NEXT YEAR. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. GA

JULY 24 – WITH THE STROKE OF A PEN, AN OVERHAUL OF NORTH CAROLINA'S ANTIQUATED TAX CODE BECAME LAW ON TUESDAY. HERE'S GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY, SURROUNDED BY LEGISLATIVE LEADERS,

TALKING ABOUT THE PLAN, WHICH HE SAYS WILL JUMP-START JOB CREATION BY LOWERING PERSONAL AND CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATES. GA

JULY 24 – THE SENATE HAS A LOT ON THEIR PLATE THIS WEEK FROM SWEEPING CHANGES TO NORTH CAROLINA'S GUN LAWS TO A PENDING VOTE ON THE BUDGET. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS. GA

JULY 24 – FARMERS ARE GETTING A BOOST FROM NEW RULES SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY.. RHONDA GARRISON FROM SFNTODAY.COM PICKS UP THE STORY WITH STATE AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER STEVE TROXLER. GA

JULY 24 – THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA HAS AMENDED IT'S LAWSUIT TO CHALLENGE THE STATE'S BAN ON MARRIAGE FOR SAME SEX COUPLES. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH CHRIS BROOK LEGAL DIRECTOR OF THE ACLU OF NC. GA

JULY 25 – IN THE WANING HOURS OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, PATIENCE IS RUNNING SHORT AND FLOOR DEBATES ARE RUNNING LONG. BUT LAWMAKERS ARE CHIPPING AWAY AT IMPORTANT ISSUES LIKE THE BUDGET AND ELECTION REFORM. STEPHANIE HAWCO BRINGS US THE STORY FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. GA

JULY 25 – IT'S SOMETHING MOST OF USE EVERY DAY -- AND WE ASSUME IT'S SAFE. ON A RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS WITH DON CURTIS, STATE AUDITOR BETH WOOD DISCUSSED A RECENT AUDIT OF THE AGENCY THAT MAKES SURE ELEVATORS ARE SAFE. GA

JULY 25 – NORTH CAROLINA HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN A STATE WITH HIGH TAX RATES, BUT THERE IS CHANGE IN THE AIR. DOUG KELLET TALKS WITH TIM PHILLIPS OF AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY NORTH CAROLINA ABOUT THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF THE NEW POTENTIAL CORPORATE TAX CUT AND THE BENEFIT FOR THE AVERAGE NORTH CAROLINIAN. GA

JULY 29 – THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS OVER AND LAWMAKERS HAVE RETURNED HOME... BUT PROTESTORS CONTINUE TO RALLY AGAINST THE POLICIES THAT HAVE COME OUT OF THE REPUBLICAN-LED GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MONDAY NIGHT, EDUCATORS PLAN TO GATHER TO PROTEST THE NEW 20. 6 (B)BILLION DOLLAR PLAN THAT OFFERS NO TEACHER RAISES, CUTS TENURE... BUT PROVIDES "OPPORTUNITY" SCHOLARSHIPS ... OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "VOUCHERS." THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS RODNEY ELLIS SAYS THE STATE'S TEACHERS' ARE ANGRY AND THEIR VOICES NEED TO BE HEARD. GA

JULY 29 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY TOOK SOME HEAT AFTER SAYING HE HADN'T SEEN PART OF THE NEW VOTER ID/ELECTIONS BILL HE SIGNED. ANDY TAYLOR, A POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR AT NC STATE, TELLS US WITH ALL THE NEW LEGISLATION BEING PRODUCED, IT MAKES IT HARD TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THE INS AND OUTS OF EACH LAW. GA

JULY 29 – WHILE LAWMAKERS HAVE LEFT TOWN, THE CONTROVERSY OVER THEIR BILLS PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION LINGERS... MORAL MONDAY PROTESTORS WILL GATHER FOR A FINAL TIME IN RALEIGH BEFORE THEY SAY THEY WILL TAKE THEIR PROTESTS ON THE ROAD ACROSS THE STATE... TODAY'S MORAL MONDAY DEMONSTRATIONS WILL FOCUS ON EDUCATION AND THE BUDGET CUTS THAT COULD IMPACT THE SCHOOL SYSTEM... MEANWHILE, WTVD TV'S AMBER RUPENTA TELLS US ABOUT ANOTHER BIG PROTEST SET FOR TODAY. GA

JULY 30 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY IS DEFENDING HIS DECISION OF SIGNING A NEW BILL INTO LAW REGULATING ABORTION CLINICS IN NORTH CAROLINA. CRITICS SAY HE BROKE A CAMPAIGN PROMISE AND THEY'RE PLANNING A SECOND DAY OF PROTESTS, BUT THE GOVERNOR SAYS THE NEW LAW WILL MAKE ABORTIONS SAFER FOR WOMEN. WTVD TV'S KELLI O'HARA REPORTS. GA

JULY 31 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY STUNNED ABORTION RIGHTS PROTESTORS OUTSIDE THE EXECUTIVE MANSION IN RALEIGH TUESDAY BY HAND-DELIVERING THEM A PLATE OF CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS THE PROTESTORS GAVE THEM BACK. GA

AUGUST 9 – ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER IS STEPPING INTO THE FIGHT AGAINST THE VOTER ID BILL URGING GOVERNOR MCCRORY NOT TO SIGN. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. GA

AUGUST 21 – THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINISHED ITS WORK FOR THE YEAR, BUT NOT EVERYBODY'S HAPPY ABOUT WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. ON A RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS WITH DON CURTIS, N.C. STATE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR ANDY TAYLOR TAKES A LOOK AT ISSUES SUCH VOTER I.D. GA

AUGUST 22 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY HAS COME UNDER FIRE RECENTLY FOR GRANTING TWO YOUNG STAFFERS AT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SIGNIFICANT PAY BUMPS. THE TWO 24-YEAR-OLD WERE ALSO INVOLVED IN THE GOVERNOR'S CAMPAIGN. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH POLITICAL ANALYST JEANNE BONDS ABOUT THIS. GA

AUGUST 23 – A JUDGE ON FRIDAY WILL HEAR ARGUMENTS CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF A 2011 NORTH CAROLINA LAW REQUIRING PHYSICIANS TO PERFORM AN ULTRASOUND FOUR HOURS BEFORE PROVIDING AN ABORTION. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH ACLU LEGAL DIRECTOR CHRIS BROOKE ABOUT THE LAW THAT REQUIRES DOCTORS TO PLACE THE ULTRASOUND SCREEN IN THE WOMAN'S VIEW AND DESCRIBE THE IMAGES IN DETAIL – EVEN IF THE WOMAN OBJECTS. GA

AUGUST 23 – GOVERNOR MCCRORY, WHO CALLED FOR A FREEZE ON SALARY INCREASES IN MARCH, IGNORED HIS ORDER AND INCREASED BY 40 PERCENT THE SALARIES OF TWO 24-YEAR-OLD EX-CAMPAIGN STAFFERS NOW IN STATE GOVERNMENT. BARLOW HERGET, FROM SGRTODAY.COM GOES IN-DEPTH WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. GA

AUGUST 26 – THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION IS KNOWN FOR SUPPORTING GUN REGULATION, BUT IT TURNS OUT THE ADMINISTRATION IS BUYING A BUNCH OF THEM. WPTF'S DONNA MARTINEZ TALKED WITH THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER'S PAUL BEDARD TO GET THE LATEST. GA

AUGUST 30 – THERE'S NEW INFORMATION INVOLVING THE DURHAM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S IMPROPER USE OF SCHOOL BUSES .. TAMARA GIBBS OF WTVD HAS THAT STORY. GA

SEPTEMBER 3 – THE WHITE HOUSE IS MAPPING OUT A STRATEGY TO DEPLOY THE PRESIDENT, FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA, VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN AND JILL BIDEN IN WHAT WILL BE THEIR MOST COORDINATED EFFORT YET TO SELL OBAMACARE. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN GETS MORE FROM KYLE CHENEY HEALTH CARE REPORTER WITH THE WEBSITE POLITICO. GA

SEPTEMBER 3 – THIS MORNING STATE LAWMAKERS RETURN IT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A SPECIAL VETO SESSION. THE REPUBLICAN- LED HOUSE AND SENATE WILL RETURN TO DECIDE WHETHER TO OVERRIDE GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY'S FIRST TWO VETOES. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS ON HOW THIS COULD BECOME POWER PLAY BETWEEN THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY. GA

SEPTEMBER 3 – SEVERAL GROUPS AND VOTERS FILED LAWSUITS CHALLENGING NORTH CAROLINA NEW VOTER LAW, AND IT WILL BE UP TO THE NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO DEFEND THE STATE'S POSITION IN COURT. WPTF'S JOSH SPOKE WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER, WHO -- IN THE PAST -- HAD PUBLICLY EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE LEGISLATION. GA

SEPTEMBER 5 – GOVERNOR MCCRORY SAYS HE WILL ORDER OFFICIALS TO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION TO IMPLEMENT DRUG-TESTING FOR WELFARE RECIPIENTS UNTIL LAWMAKERS PROVIDE ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE PROGRAM AFTER THE SENATE OVERRODE MCCRORY'S VETO OF THE BILL WEDNESDAY. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN GETS REACTION FROM CHRIS BROOK LEGAL DIRECTOR OF THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA. GA

SEPTEMBER 16 – WHILE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DID APPROVE GOV. PAT MCCRORY'S PLAN TO TAKE MOVE SOME PARTS OF THE STATE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT INTO A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, MONEY WAS INCLUDING IN THE STATE BUDGET TO START THE PROCESS. BARLOW HERGET OF SGRTODAY.COM FOUND OUT MORE ABOUT THAT FROM STATE COMMERCE SECRETARY SHARON DECKER. GA

SEPTEMBER 20 – DURHAM CITY COUNCIL HEARD MORE COMPLAINTS TODAY ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT .. TAMARA GIBBS OF WTVD HAS THE LATEST. GA

SEPTEMBER 27 – THE BUDGET DEADLINE IS TICKING DOWN IN CONGRESS, LEADING TO THE QUESTION OF HOW THE NORTH CAROLINA DELEGATION WILL VOTE AND WHAT WILL BE AFFECTED IN NC? BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED MORE FROM SGRTODAY.COM'S BARLOW HERGET. GA

GR - Growth/Transportation/Roads

JULY 5 - WHILE THE USUAL TRAFFIC RUSH HAS SHIFTED IN FAVOR OF A HOLIDAY PATTERN, IT'S STILL A JUNGLE OUT THERE. TRIPLE-A RANKS THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY AS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS TIMES TO TRAVEL. COMBINE THAT WITH A STUDY ON ANGRY, STRESSED OUT DRIVERS, AND YOU'VE GOT THE BEGINNINGS OF AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN. DON'T DRIVE ANGRY ... THE STORY FROM JOSH ZACH. GR

JULY 16 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-THOMAS OWEN-FROM TAO AUTO-ANSWERS QUESTIONS ABOUT AUTO PROBLEMS. GR

JULY 22 - WHILE YOU ARE WAITING AT TERMINAL 2, YOU MAY WANT TO STOP AND HAVE A BITE, AND ONE RESTAURANT WITH A LONG TIME RALEIGH REPUTATION WHICH ADDED A AIRPORT LOCATION IS GETTING SOME NATIONAL ATTENTION. GR

JULY 23 – MONDAY EVENING THE LANDING GEAR OF A SOUTHWEST AIRLINE'S PLANE COLLAPSED AT LAGUARDIA AIRPORT. THE FLIGHT ORIGINATED AT RALEIGH-DURHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS ON HOW IT AFFECTED THE FLIGHTS HERE. GR

JULY 26 – A RECENT BRIDGE COLLAPSE IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON SEEMS TO BE JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN CONSIDERS WHETHER THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS REALLY FALLING APART BEFORE OUR EYES. GR

JULY 30 – WITH NUMEROUS FATAL TRAIN AND BUS ACCIDENTS OVERSEAS IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF...IF YOU CAN. CBS TRAVEL EDITOR PETER GREENBERG GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN SOME IDEAS AND SOME PORTIONS OF THE WORLD THAT YOU NEED TO USE EXTREME CAUTION AS YOU TRAVEL. GR

AUGUST 6 – THE NORTH CAROLINA OF TRANSPORTATION HAS LAUNCHED IT'S WATCH FOR ME N-C CAMPAIGN... WHAT IS IT? PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED TO THE DOT'S JULIA CASADONTE (CASAH-DON-TAY) ABOUT THE INITIATIVE. GR

AUGUST 8 – A DRIVING SIMULATOR IS SHOWING TRIANGLE RESIDENTS WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU BREAK THE LAW BY TEXTING BEHIND THE WHEEL. ONE PERSON WHO KNOWS FIRSTHAND OF THE DANGERS IS GARNER MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS WHO TALKED WITH WPTF'S MARLA ROTH ABOUT HIS TIME BEHIND THE PSEUDO-WHEEL. GR

AUGUST 8 – THE RTA SOLUTIONS FORUM IS BEING HELD TODAY. THE MAIN FOCUS WILL BE ON "SUPER CIRCLES" WHICH IS AN IDEA TO INCORPORATE A LIGHT SIGNAL ON THE APPROACH OF A ROUNDABOUT. BRIAN FREEMAN DISCUSSED THE FORUM, THESE "SUPER CIRCLES" AND HOW THEY ARE MEANT TO WORK FOR DRIVERS. GR

AUGUST 9 – AAA CAROLINAS IS OUT WITH IT'S LIST OF NORTH CAROLINA'S MOST DANGEROUS COUNTIES TO TRAVEL IN ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH THE MOTOR CLUB'S SPOKESPERSON -- ANGELA VOGEL DAILY -- TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHERE DANGER LURKS. GR

AUGUST 12 – THE NC DOT IS PREPARING TO START ON THE LONG AWAITED ROAD PROJECT KNOWN AS CRAWLEIGH. WORK ON I-40 STARTS TONIGHT. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON HAS MORE. GR

AUGUST 12 – RIDING THROUGH A ROUNDABOUT IS SUPPOSED TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC, BUT TRIANGLE DRIVERS ARE HAVING A HARD TIME NAVIGATING THEM. NOW THERE'S A NEW INNOVATION CALLED A SUPERCIRCLE THAT EXPERTS SAY WILL CLEAR UP THE CONFUSION. STEPHANIE HAWCO HAS THE DETAILS. GR

AUGUST 12 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-BOBBY DUNN IS THE "NIGHTTIME MECHANIC"-ANSWERS LISTENERS AUTO CARE QUESTIONS-GR

AUGUST 13 – LAST NIGHT'S LIGHTNING STORMS CAUSED SEVERAL HOUSE FIRES. FIREFIGHTERS WERE KEPT BUSY WITH AT LEAST THREE SEPARATE FIRES. THE STORMS ALSO IMPACTED THE FIRST NIGHT OF ROADWORK ON I-40. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON REPORTS. GR

AUGUST 15 – FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE LASTING IMPRESSIONS. WHEN WE FLY, THE FIRST THING WE SEE WHEN WE GET TO OUR DESTINATION IS THE AIRPORT ... RALEIGH DURHAM INTERNATIONAL IS CURRENTLY GIVING TERMINAL ONE A FACELIFT AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS GOING TO HELP FOOT THE BILL. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH CAUGHT UP WITH AIRPORT SPOKESPERSON MINDY HAMLIN TO GET THE DETAILS. GR

AUGUST 15 – EXECUTIVES OF US AIRWAYS AND AMERICAN AIRLINES ARE VOWING TO FIGHT A MOVE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO BLOCK THEIR MERGER AMID CONCERN IT WOULD LESSEN COMPETITION IN THE INDUSTRY AND DRIVE UP FEES AND AIRFARES FOR THE TRAVELING PUBLIC. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN TALKED ABOUT IT WITH ANDREW SWEETING IS PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS BOTH AT DUKE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. GR

AUGUST 19 – AFTER TESTING THE IDEA IN DURHAM COUNTY, THE PLAN TO ALLOW TRANSIT BUSES TO USE SHOULDERS TO BYPASS CONGESTED TRAFFIC IS BEING EXPANDED INTO WAKE COUNTY. MEREDITH MCDIARMID (MCDERMITT), NCDOT STATE SYSTEMS OPERATIONS ENGINEER SPOKE WITH BRIAN LEBLANC FROM THE WPTF TRAFFIC CENTER. GR

AUGUST 20 – THE LATEST REVELATIONS ABOUT SALARY HIKES FOR TOP STAFFERS IN THE MCCRORY ADMINISTRATION ARE NOT SITTING WELL WITH TEACHERS WHO DIDN'T GET A RAISE THIS YEAR.. JOEL BROWN FROM WTVD HAS A CLOSER LOOK. GA

AUGUST 20 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY HAS CAUGHT A GREAT DEAL OF CRITICISM WHEN IT WAS LEARNED TWO STAFFERS AT THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -- WHO WERE ALSO INVOLVED IN THE GOVERNOR'S CAMPAIGN -- RECEIVED SIGNIFICANT RAISES -- AT A TIME WHEN MOST STATE WORKERS, INCLUDING TEACHERS, DID NOT GET A RAISE AT ALL.. MCCRORY HAS FIRED BACK IN SEVERAL TELEVISION INTERVIEWS -- INCLUDING ONE WITH WTVD'S LARRY STONGER. GA

AUGUST 22 – BANK RATE-DOT-COM HAS RELEASED A NEW REPORT INTO HOW MUCH IT COSTS US TO DRIVE. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH BANK RATE-DOT-COM'S SENIOR ANALYST - CLAES (PRONOUNCED KLOSS) BELL - TO FIND OUT THE CHEAPEST AND MOST EXPENSIVE STATES, AND WHERE NORTH CAROLINA RANKS ON THE LIST. GR

AUGUST 28 – AUTOMAKERS ARE NOT PLEASING CUSTOMERS AS MUCH AS THEY DID A YEAR AGO, ALTHOUGH PENT-UP DEMAND IS PUSHING STRONG SALES, ACCORDING TO A REPORT BY THE AMERICAN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION INDEX. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH CBS'S JEFF GILBERT. GR

AUGUST 30 – IF YOU'RE STUCK IN TRAFFIC AND WONDERING WHO YOU CAN COMPLAIN TO, THERE'S NOW AN APP FOR THAT. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO FORMER PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR ED RENDELL ABOUT AN APPLICATION THAT LETS YOU GET YOUR MESSAGE DIRECTLY TO CONGRESS. GR

SEPTEMBER 3 – SOUTHWEST FLIGHT 220 TO CHICAGO WAS FORCED TO RETURN TO RDU 30 MINUTES AFTER TAKE OFF. THE PASSANGERS SPEAK OUT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED ON BOARD. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THEIR STORIES. GR

SEPTEMBER 5 – THE FAA RECENTLY CLEARED THE WAY FOR PRIVATE ENTITIES TO OPERATE UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES, AND SOME SPECULATE THAT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF THESE DRONES ... OPERATED BY GOD KNOWS WHO ... COULD BE FLYING THE FRIENDLY SKIES OVER THE NEXT DECADE. WHO WILL USE DRONES? WPTF'S JOSH ZACH HAD A CHAT ABOUT THE ISSUE WITH BARRY BAGNATO AT CBS NEWS. GR

SEPTEMBER 5 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-PAUL MORRO AND JAIME PALMER OF THE TRIUMPH CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS-TRIUMPHS AND OTHER BRITISH CARS-GR

SEPTEMBER 10 – FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO QUESTION WHEN THE 540 TRIANGLE EXPRESSWAY WILL BE COMPLETED.. GOOD NEWS.. THE NC DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION ANNOUNCED MONDAY THAT, AFTER A TWO-YEAR-DELAY, IT WILL AGAIN STUDY PROPOSED ROUTES TO FINISH THE LOOP. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSED WHAT'S CALLED "THE COMPLETE 540 PROJECT" WITH PROJECT ENGINEER ERICK MIDKISF (MIDS-COFF). GR

SEPTEMBER 30 – THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY HAS CONDUCTED ITS FIRST TEST OF FRONT CRASH AVOIDANCE SYSTEMS. ... WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. GR

JULY 1 – A NONPROFIT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY IN RALEIGH RECENTLY DEDICATED A NEW LOW-INCOME PROPERTY FOR VETERANS STRUGGLING WITH HOMELESSNESS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DEBRA KING, THE CEO OF CASA (KAH-SAH) ... WHICH STANDS FOR COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES FOR SUPPORTIVE ABODES ... TO TALK ABOUT THEIR MISSION TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO THOSE WHO HAVE SO LITTLE. HO

AUGUST 9 – THE HOUSING MARKET IN NORTH CAROLINA IS RECOVERING, WITH YEARS OF PENT-UP DEMAND SUDDENLY BEING RELEASED. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT IT WITH ASA FLEMING, THE PRESIDENT OF THE N-C ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS. HO

AUGUST 27 – HERE IS THE EQUATION...THE HOMELESS IN MOORE SQUARE, PLUS RALEIGH MAYOR MCFARLANE, PLUS NON-PROFIT GROUPS EQUALS A STRUGGLE BETWEEN MORAL ISSUES AND PROGRESS IN DOWNTOWN RALEIGH. DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE SPEAKS WITH LAWYER MATT BURKE ABOUT LEGAL LOGISTICS OF THIS SENSITIVE ISSUE. HO

SEPTEMBER 5 – THE 3RD ANNUAL WAKE UP WITH TFS BREAKFAST OCCURRED THIS MORNING AS ATTENDEES HEARD ABOUT KEY ISSUES IMPACTING THE AREA, INCLUDING HOMELESSNESS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH WAS IN ATTENDANCE AND BRIEFED BRIAN FREEMAN ON OTHER TOPICS COVERED AT THE BREAKFAST. HO

HSM – Health, Safety and Medical Affairs

JULY 1 – THE UNC CENTER FOR HEART AND VASCULAR CARE RECENTLY BECAME THE FIRST IN THE STATE TO SUCCESSFULLY PERFORM WHAT'S CALLED THE LARIAT PROCEDURE, A MINIMALLY INVASIVE APPROACH TO ADDRESS A HEART CONDITION THAT'S KNOWN TO LEAD TO STROKE. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH UNC'S DR. PAUL MOUNSEY (SOUNDS LIKE 'NOW' ... MOUN-ZEE) -- WHO LED THE TEAM OF PHYSICIANS IN THE PROCEDURE. HSM

JULY 1 - FIREWORKS CAN BE PRETTY TO LOOK AT AND EXCITING TO SEE, BUT THERE'S NOTHING PRETTY OR EXCITING ABOUT A 3RD DEGREE BURN OR SETTING YOUR HOUSE ON FIRE. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH STATE FIRE MARSHAL WAYNE GOODWIN, WHO'S WARNING NORTH CAROLINIANS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS AS THEY CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND. HSM

JULY 2 - THE DEBATE RAGES ON OVER FRESH VERSUS FROZEN FOOD. BUT, WHILE FRESH IS CLEARLY BETTER IF YOU CAN BUY IT AND HAVE TIME TO PREPARE IT, FROZEN ISN'T FAR BEHIND. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH PAUL ALEXANDER - AUTHOR OF "FROZEN: HOW AMERICAN INGENUITY CREATED THE TV DINNER AND CHANGED THE WAY WE EAT - TO FIND OUT IF FROZEN FOOD IS A CHEAPER ALTERNATIVE AND IF THERE'S ANY HEALTH CONCERNS REGARDING FROZEN FOODS. HSM

JULY 8 - HELPING THOSE IN NEED - THAT'S THE OBJECTIVE BEHIND THE METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN.. ON A RECENT CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, DON CURTIS TALKED WITH THE HOME'S PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRUCE STANLEY. HSM

JULY 8 - NORTH CAROLINIANS ARE DRYING OUT AND CLEANING UP AFTER DAYS OF SOAKING RAIN, AND HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE SOME TIPS ABOUT HOW TO DO IT SAFELY. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO STACY SHELPS WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ABOUT DRAINING FLOODED POOLS AND ELIMINATING MOSQUITOS FROM STANDING WATER. HSM

JULY 9 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-JOE GRAEDON OF THE PEOPLES PHARMACY ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND TRADITIONAL REMEDIES. HSM

JULY 10 – ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WITH LYME DISEASE IS THAT THE SYMPTOMS VARY GREATLY AND CAN SHOW UP ANYTIME. GARY CRAWFORD HAS THIS REPORT. HSM

JULY 10 – AFTER YEARS OF RECOMMENDING CANCER-SCREENING, WHEN PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES EXPRESS DOUBTS -- HOW DO WE REACT? WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. HSM

JULY 11 – THE WHOLE IDEA OF LONG-TERM CARE AND THE IDEA OF MEDICAID, IN WHICH YOU HAVE TO BE A CERTAIN AGE IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR CERTAIN LEVEL OF AID FROM THE GOVERNMENT. DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE TALKS WITH CHRIS ORESTIS, OF THE LIFE CARE FUNDING GROUP, ABOUT A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE. HSM

JULY 11 – A POOR CHECKUP FOR AMERICA IN ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE STUDIES OF GLOBAL HEALTH EVER UNDERTAKEN. DESPITE SPENDING THE MOST ON HEALTH CARE, THE US IS LOSING GROUND TO OTHER HIGH INCOME COUNTRIES IN A WIDE RANGE OF MEASURES... WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN DISCUSSED THE DETAILS WITH CBS' BARRY BAGNATO. HSM

JULY 12 – IN AN EFFORT TO CUT COSTS, DUKE RALEIGH HOSPITAL HAS LAID OFF MORE THAN TWO DOZEN EMPLOYEES. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH SPOKE WITH THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL'S JASON DEBRUIN ABOUT THE CUTS. HSM

JULY 12 – OWNING YOUR OWN BUSINESS MAY HELP YOU EAT BETTER, EXERCISE MORE, AND LIVE A HAPPIER LIFE, ACCORDING TO BANK OF AMERICA'S 2013 SMALL BUSINESS OWNER REPORT. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON SPOKE WITH STEVE STRAUSS - A SMALL BUSINESS EXPERT - TO FIND OUT THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY AND HOW SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS ARE LIVING HEALTHIER LIVES. HSM

JULY 23 – CERTAIN TYPES OF SMALL BATTERIES FOUND IN REMOTE CONTROLS AND KEY CHAINS ARE SENDING THOUSANDS OF SMALL CHILDREN TO THE HOSPITAL. CBS'S HEATHER BOSCH GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN THE NUMBERS, THE INJURY DETAILS AND WHAT PARENTS CAN DO ABOUT THE DANGER. HSM

JULY 24 – 46 MILLION AMERICANS BUY TOBACCO PRODUCTS EACH YEAR. FOR THEM ONE ALTERNATIVE IS GETTING A LOT OF ATTENTION... ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES. THE POPULARITY OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES IS RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW SAFE THEY ACTUALLY ARE. CBS' JEFF GLOR TALKS WITH SOME OF THE MAJOR PLAYERS ON THE MARKET. HSM

JULY 25 – MORE THAN 80% OF DIALYSIS PATIENTS RELY ON MEDICARE, AND PROPOSED CUTS TO THE NATIONAL INSURANCE PROGRAM HAVE BROAD IMPLICATIONS FOR DIALYSIS SERVICES. WPTF'S BRUCE FERRELL SPOKE WITH NANCY SCOTT OF THE DIALYSIS PATIENT CENTER WHO SAYS THE PROPOSED CUT IN FUNDING THREATENS ACCESS AND QUALITY OF CARE FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS WHO RELY ON DIALYSIS IN ORDER TO LIVE. HSM

JULY 25 – NEED TO SEE THE DOCTOR? THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT! SORT OF ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH MICHAEL BATTALIA -- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIALIZATION AT WAKE FOREST INNOVATIONS -- TO DISCUSS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER AND NOVARUS HEALTHCARE TO DEVELOP HEALTH-BASED MOBILE APPS TO HELP PHYSICIANS IMPROVE PATIENT CARE. HSM

JULY 26 – WHEN THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION SAID IT WAS DELAYING OBAMACARE UNTIL 2015 IT WAS TO ALLOW EMPLOYERS TIME TO FIND WHO THEY WERE COVERING. THIS WAS THE EMPLOYER'S MANDATE REQUIRED IN THE HEALTH REFORM LAW, BUT NOW CRITICS ARE SAYING THESE DELAYS ARE NOT GOOD FOR THE EMPLOYERS OR THE ECONOMY. BILL LUMAYE TALKS WITH AVIK (OH-VIK) ROY, SENIOR FELLOW OF THE MANHATTAN INSTITUTE, TO FIND OUT HOW THE HEALTH LAW COULD BE DELAYED AND HOW IT IS NOT GOOD FOR OUR NATION. HSM

JULY 26 – A DISEASE KNOWN TO KILL YOUNG PIGS EMERGED IN EUROPE IN THE 70'S AND AG OFFICIALS IN THE U.S. WORKED TO TO KEEP IT -- AND OTHERS LIKE IT -- OUT OF THE COUNTRY. BUT EARLIER THIS YEAR THE PATHOGEN WAS FOUND IN IOWA AND, SINCE, IDENTIFIED IN 13 OTHER STATES INCLUDING NORTH CAROLINA. DONNA MARTINEZ SPOKE WITH NC STATE VETERINARIAN BARRETT SLENNING TO LEARN ABOUT P-E-D-V, THE CORONAVIRUS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY WIPE OUT ALL OF THE PIGLETS IT INFECTS. HSM

JULY 30 – CASES OF A HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS BACTERIAL INFECTION ARE ON THE RISE ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. WERNER BISCHOFF (BISH-OFF) AT WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER TO GET THE LATEST DETAILS ON THE MOUNTING INSTANCES OF WHOOPING COUGH, WHICH BRINGS UNCONTROLLABLE COUGHING THAT CAN FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS. HSM

JULY 30 – SMARTER CHOICES ARE HELPING US LIVE LONGER AND HEALTHIER LIVES. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. HSM

JULY 30 – WE'VE HEARD THE CAUTIONARY TALES ABOUT WHAT CAN HAPPEN AND SOMETIMES DOES HAPPEN... WHEN YOU GO INTO A HOSPITAL AND PICK UP SOMETHING THERE THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE WHEN YOU WENT IN. BUT NEW DATA SHOWS THAT THERE IS SOME ENCOURAGING NEWS OF HOSPITALS HERE IN THE TRIANGLE. DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH JASON DEBRUYN OF THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL TO TALK ABOUT HEALTH CARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS GOING BELOW STATE AVERAGES. HSM

AUGUST 1 – WITH TICKETS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR SET TO GO ON SALE, THIS REPORT IS AS TIMELY AS THEY COME: WHAT, EXACTLY, IS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CURRENT HAND WASHING ADVICE IF FEW PEOPLE ACTUALLY FOLLOW THROUGH? MORE FROM GARY CRAWFORD. HSM

AUGUST 1 – THE U-S PREVENTIVE TASK FORCE HAS ANNOUNCED MAJOR BREAKING NEWS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. BILL MAYFIELD- A LEADING THORACIC (THOR-AS-SICK) SURGEON- TO FIND OUT THE NEWS AND ITS IMPACT ON THOSE WITH CANCER. HSM

AUGUST 5 – WOULD YOU BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT PEOPLE CURB SMOKING AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN TIMES OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP? IT'S A FACT. IT'S ALSO TRUE THAT WHEN NORTH CAROLINA'S ECONOMY FLOUNDERS, FEWER TEENS BECOME PARENTS; RESEARCHERS AT DUKE UNIVERSITY POURED OVER TWO DECADES OF DATA TO MAKE THE CONNECTION. CO-AUTHOR OF THIS NEW STUDY -- ANNA GLASSMAN-PINES -- TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT BIRTH RATES DROP, FOR ONE PARTICULAR DEMOGRAPHIC, AND IT'S NOT A COINCIDENCE. HSM

AUGUST 7 – MORE THAN A MILLION CHILDREN ARE SEEN IN EMERGENCY ROOM EVERY YEAR WITH SPORTS-RELATED INJURIES. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. HSM

AUGUST 7 – THE TOWN OF CARY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THIS YEAR'S SECOND REPORTED RABIES CASE. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSED THE CASE WITH CARY'S SERVICES BUREAU COMMANDER MAJOR TONY GOD-WIN WHO SAYS THE TWO DISCOVERIES IS NOT UNCOMMON. HSM

AUGUST 7 – POLICE SAY A WOMAN HAS DROWNED IN THE SURF AT TOPSAIL BEACH. SIXTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD LAUREL KING DROWNED MONDAY... IT'S THE SECOND DROWNING AT TOPSAIL BEACH THIS YEAR. DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY FOUR PEOPLE DROWNED OFF BRUNSWICK COUNTY BEACHES... STEVE PFAFF (PAFF), A WARNING COORDINATION METEOROLOGIST WITH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN WILMINGTON TALKS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF RIP CURRENTS AND HOW TO GET OUT OF THEM. HSM

AUGUST 8 – AN ORAL DISORDER -- COMMONLY KNOWN AS T.M.J. -- CAN CAUSE SEVERE PAIN AND HEADACHES. TO THE CHAGRIN OF THOSE DEALING WITH T.M.J., THERE ARE NO EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS ... BUT THAT COULD CHANGE. DUKE'S DR. WOLFGANG LEIDTKE (LEET-KUH), AUTHOR OF A NEW STUDY ON THE ISSUE, TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT THE FINDINGS MAY BRING MEDICINE CLOSER TO FINALLY DEVELOPING TREATMENTS. HSM

AUGUST 9 – NEARLY 228-THOUSAND WOMAN IN NORTH CAROLINA SUFFER FROM AN EATING DISORDER... AND ACCORDING TO REPORTS, MAJOR LIFE CHANGES ARE TRIGGERING EATING DISORDERS IN AN UNLIKELY GROUP -- MIDDLE AGED WOMEN. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSED THIS APPARENT SHIFT IN DEMOGRAPHIC WITH THE DIRECTOR OF UNC'S CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE FOR EATING DISORDERS DR. CYNTHIA BEW-LICK HSM

AUGUST 12 – 163-THOUSAND KIDS WERE SEEN IN EMERGENCY ROOMS LAST YEAR FOR SPORTS-RELATED CONCUSSIONS, AND SAFETY EXPERTS HAVE SOME ADVICE FOR PARENTS ABOUT KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY ON THE PLAYING FIELD. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT IT WITH KATE CARR FROM SAFE KIDS WORLDWIDE. HSM

AUGUST 13 – AS WE AGE WE ALL LOSE ENERGY AND DRIVE AT SOME POINT...BUT DON'T JUST CHALK THAT UP TO "GETTING OLD" AND BELIEVE THAT THERE'S NO WAY TO GET IT BACK, SAYS ANTI-AGING RESEARCHER GARY KEHOE (KEY-HO). WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED TO HIM TO GET SOME HELPFUL TIPS ON HOW TO STAY YOUNG WHILE YOU GET OLDER. HSM

AUGUST 13 – NORTH CAROLINA'S LARGEST HEALTH INSURER IS OPENING STORES IN STRIP MALLS IN AN EFFORT TO EDUCATE AND ENROLL CONSUMERS SHOPPING FOR COVERAGE BECAUSE OF THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE OVERALL LAW. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKED ABOUT THE MOVE WITH LEW BORMAN, SPOKESMAN FOR BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NORTH CAROLINA. HSM

AUGUST 19 – IF YOU PACK A SCHOOL LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILD, AN EXPERT SAYS TRY TO MAKE THAT LUNCH AS NUTRITIOUS AS POSSIBLE. GARY CRAWFORD HAS THIS REPORT. HSM

AUGUST 19 – IF YOU READ BLOGS OR OTHER PERSONAL STORIES BEFORE YOU MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT MEDICAL TREATMENT, YOU MAY BE FOCUSING ON THE WRONG INFORMATION. UNC PROFESSOR MELANIE GREEN EXPLAINS WHY TO WPTF'S STEPHANIE HAWCO. HSM

AUGUST 19 – WAKEMED OPEN ITS GARNER HEALTHPLEX TODAY ... WPTF'S BRUCE FERRELL SPOKE WITH CAROLYN KNAUP -- A WAKEMED VICE PRESIDENT -- TO GET THE DETAILS ON THE NEW FACILITY AND SERVICES. HSM

AUGUST 20 – TO EAT HEALTHY OR NOT TO EAT HEALTHY THAT IS THE QUESTION FOR AMERICAN SCHOOLS... THE FIRST LADIES' SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM IS THE HOT TOPIC AS DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE SPEAKS WITH KYLE OLSEN, DIRECTOR OF EAG NEWS.ORG, TO GET A BREAKDOWN ON WHAT THE PROGRAM MEANS FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES AND THE STUDENTS WHO EAT THEM. HSM

AUGUST 21 – THERE'S A NEW LOCAL SURVEY OUT THAT REVEALS MOMS WANT A BIG TIME OUT FROM THE STRESS OF YOUTH SPORTS. MOMS POLLED SAY THEIR CHILDREN'S SPORTS CAUSE MARITAL AND FAMILY BATTLES, POOR JOB PERFORMANCE AND BIG LEAGUE WORRY. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS OF THE SURVEY FROM KATHLEEN SEIFERT AT I9 SPORTS FRANCHISING. HSM

AUGUST 21 – QUEUE UP THE HORROR MOVIE MUSIC, BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME RATHER TERRIFYING HAZARDS IN YOUR KITCHEN! THE LATEST ISSUE OF SHOP SMART MAGAZINE LISTS THE TOP ITEMS IN YOUR KITCHEN THAT CAN CAUSE A FIRE ... AND CONSUMER REPORTS ASSOCIATE EDITOR DAN DICLERICO TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT AN ALARMING NUMBER OF FIRES ARE CAUSED BY THE APPLIANCES THEMSELVES AS OPPOSED TO HUMAN ERROR. HSM

AUGUST 22 – GOV. PAT MCCRORY SAYS A NEW LAW WILL HELP NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMERS MAKE BETTER HEALTH CARE DECISIONS AND HELP HIS ADMINISTRATION RUN STATE GOVERNMENT MORE EFFECTIVELY. HE EXPLAINED MORE ABOUT THE BILLS WITH MARLA ROTH. HSM

AUGUST 23 – THE LATEST ISSUE OF SHOP SMART MAGAZINE LISTS THE TOP ITEMS IN YOUR KITCHEN THAT CAN CAUSE A FIRE ... LEADING THE LIST ARE RANGES AND MICROWAVE OVENS, BUT CONSUMER REPORTS ASSOCIATE EDITOR DAN DICLERICO TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT THE LIST INCLUDES SOME APPLIANCES THAT ARE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN OBVIOUS. HSM

AUGUST 23 – CARROTS, BURGERS, GRAPES, FRIED CHICKEN... YOU KNOW WHICH ARE THE BETTER CHOICES FOR HEALTHY EATING... BUT WHO MAKES THE BETTER CHOICES, MALES OR FEMALES AND WHAT ARE THE BEST FOODS WE SHOULD BE EATING FOR BREAKFAST? DOUG KELLETT TALKS WITH DR. DAVID GROTTO AUTHOR OF "THE BEST THINGS YOU CAN EAT", TO SEE WHO'S WINNING THIS BATTLE. HSM

AUGUST 23 – IT'S A LESSON FROM PARTY SAFETY 1-0-1: NEVER LET YOUR DRINK OUT OF SIGHT. THIS IS GOOD ADVICE, OF COURSE, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T TELL IF SOMEONE SLIPPED A TASTELESS DATE RAPE DRUG INTO YOUR BEVERAGE. BUT THANKS TO A BOSTON START-UP CALLED "DRINKSAVVY," NOW YOU CAN. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKED ABOUT THESE NEW CUPS AND STRAWS TO ITS FOUNDER, MIKE ABRAMSON. HSM

AUGUST 26 – A NEW STUDY IN THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SAYS GETTING A FLU SHOT MAY CUT THE RISK OF A HEART ATTACK ALMOST IN HALF IN PEOPLE OVER 50 WHO HAVE NARROWING OF THEIR HEART ARTERIES. CBS NEWS CHIEF MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT DR. JON LAPOOK AND CBS NEWS CONTRIBUTOR DR. HOLLY PHILLIPS DISCUSS THIS STUDY AND OTHER MAJOR MEDICAL NEWS STORIES OF THE WEEK. HSM

AUGUST 27 – THE TRADITIONAL SUMMER SEASON MAY BE COMING TO AN END THIS WEEKEND, BUT TRY TELLING THAT TO THE BEES AND WASPS WHO LOVE LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA AS MUCH AS WE DO. IN FACT, BEES AND WASPS ARE MOST ACTIVE IN LATE SUMMER AND EARLY FALL. SO HOW CAN WE AVOID THEM UNTIL THEY DECIDE TO CALL IT A SEASON? BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS FROM DONNA MARTINEZ WITH EYE ON LIFESTYLE. HSM

AUGUST 27 – LUNG CANCER IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES AND, LAST MONTH (JULY), THE U-S PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE POSTED ITS DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS ON SCREENING FOR LUNG CANCER. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE BENCHMARK RECOMMENDATIONS WITH DR. JENNIFER GARST OF THE DUKE RALEIGH CANCER CENTER, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE LUNG CANCER INITIATIVE OF NORTH CAROLINA. HSM

SEPTEMBER 3 – JUST IN TIME FOR THE HEIGHT OF THE HURRICANE SEASON, THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR BUSINESS AND HOME SAFETY RELEASED A MIDTERM UPDATE TO ITS RATING THE STATES REPORT. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH ASSESSES NORTH CAROLINA'S NUMBERS WITH IBHS PRESIDENT JULIE ROCH-MAN. HSM

SEPTEMBER 3 – SINCE LAST LABOR DAY MORE US BEACHES ARE GOING SMOKE FREE. IS THERE REALLY A HEALTH BENEFIT. HSM

SEPTEMBER 3 – THE DEBATE RAGES ON OVER FRESH VERSUS FROZEN FOOD. BUT, WHILE FRESH IS CLEARLY BETTER IF YOU CAN BUY IT AND HAVE TIME TO PREPARE IT, FROZEN ISN'T FAR BEHIND. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH PAUL ALEXANDER - AUTHOR OF "FROZEN: HOW AMERICAN INGENUITY CREATED THE TV DINNER AND CHANGED THE WAY WE EAT "- TO FIND OUT WHY FROZEN FOOD IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR DIETS, AND WHY IT'S ACTUALLY HEALTHY THEN MANY OTHER OPTIONS. HSM

SEPTEMBER 4 – NO ONE WANTS TO GO BACK TO WORK WHEN THEIR VACATION COMES TO AN END, AND THE "POST VACATION BLUES" AFFECT MORE PEOPLE THAN YOU MIGHT THINK. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH RITA ANYA NARA -- AUTHOR OF *THE ANXIOUS TRAVELER* -- ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO EASE OURSELVES BACK IN TO THE DAILY GRIND. HSM

SEPTEMBER 5 – BRITISH RESEARCHERS SAY A SIMPLE SURGICAL PROCEDURE COULD CURE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE. CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT VICKI BARKER REPORTS FROM LONDON. HSM

SEPTEMBER 9 – NORTH CAROLINIANS CAN BEGIN BUYING INSURANCE ON OCTOBER FIRST THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, ALSO KNOWN AS OBAMA CARE. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO JUSTIN OSBOURNE FROM BLUE RIDGE BENEFITS IN WINSTON-SALEM, WHO SAYS THEY'RE BEING INUNDATED WITH PHONE CALLS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES. HSM

SEPTEMBER 9 – DUE TO A VARIETY OF FACTORS, SUICIDES ARE ON THE RISE IN THE UNITED STATES. BUT, WHICH AGE GROUP IS SEEING THE BIGGEST RISE AND HOW TO CONTROL THE RECENT INCREASE MAY SURPRISE YOU. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. JOHN SALERNO TO FIND OUT MORE. HSM

SEPTEMBER 9 – WITH A GROWING NUMBER OF CHILDREN BEING DIAGNOSED WITH DIABETES, SAFETY IS A CONCERN FOR PARENTS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ALIKE. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. JUDITH FRADKIN TO FIND OUT HOW MANY CHILDREN IN THE COUNTRY AND IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA HAVE DIABETES, AND WHO IS MOST IMPACTED BY THE DISEASE. HSM

SEPTEMBER 10 – HUNDREDS OF CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM EVERY STATE UNITE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO URGE CONGRESS TO MAKE THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER A NATIONAL PRIORITY AND ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE IS UNC BASKETBALL HEAD COACH ROY WILLIAMS. HE SPOKE WITH BRIAN FREEMAN ABOUT HOW THEY HOPE TO RESTORE FULL FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS. HSM

SEPTEMBER 11 – SEPTEMBER IS CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS MONTH, AND RECENTLY 19 STATES BEGAN CRACKING DOWN ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY BY SENDING LETTERS HOME TO PARENTS STATING WHETHER THEIR CHILD IS HEALTHY OR UNHEALTHY. THE "FAT LETTERS" HAVE CAUSED CONTROVERSY, AND WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. MICHAEL NUSBAUM- AN EAST COAST OBESITY EXPERT- TO DISCUSS THESE LETTERS, AND SUCCESSFUL WAYS WE CAN LOWER THE CHILDHOOD OBESITY RATES. HSM

SEPTEMBER 11 – TODAY AMERICA REMEMBERS THE SEPTEMBER 11 TERRORIST ATTACKS. TWELVE YEARS LATER AMERICA HAS MOVED FORWARD, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN. RIGHT HERE IN THE TRIANGLE THERE WILL BE MANY LOCAL EVENTS COMMEMORATING THE VICTIMS, THE SURVIVORS, AND FIRST RESPONDERS. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ HAS A LOOK. RE

SEPTEMBER 11 – MINIATURE, LAB-ENGINEERED, ORGAN-LIKE HEARTS, LUNGS, LIVERS AND BLOOD VESSELS – LINKED TOGETHER WITH A CIRCULATING BLOOD SUBSTITUTE. IT SOUNDS LIKE SCIENCE FICTION BUT IT'S REAL, AND IT'S HAPPENING RIGHT HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. ANTHONY ATALA -- DIRECTOR OF THE REGENERATIVE MEDICINE INSTITUTE AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY -- TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT THAT THEY'RE CALLING "BODY ON A CHIP." HSM

SEPTEMBER 11 – A VENTRILOQUIST'S DUMMY MIGHT BE MADE OUT OF WOOD AND PLASTIC, BUT IF YOU START STARING AT AND AGREEING WITH THE PUPPET, WHO'S THE DUMMY? IT'S NOT THAT ODD, HOWEVER, SO DON'T TAKE IT PERSONAL. IN FACT, DUKE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR JENNIFER GROH TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT YOUR EYES CAN SOMETIMES TELL YOUR BRAIN WHERE A SOUND IS COMING FROM MORE CONVINCINGLY THAN YOUR EARS CAN. HSM

SEPTEMBER 12 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RALEIGH DOCTOR BEN FISCHER ON AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE- HSM

SEPTEMBER 16 – THE DEMAND FOR CLEAR, EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND INFORMATION ABOUT MEDICARE IS GREAT, AND GROWING. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH CHRIS ABBOTT WITH UNITED HEALTHCARE, TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MEDICARE, AND HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT COVERAGE OPTION FOR YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONE. HSM

SEPTEMBER 17 – WITH 2014 COMING UP, IT NOT ONLY MEANS A NEW YEAR, BUT ALSO SOME BIG CHANGES TO HEALTHCARE. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH CHRIS ABBOTT - WITH UNITED HEALTHCARE - TO FIND OUT WHAT IMPACT OBAMA CARE WILL HAVE ON MEDICARE. HSM

SEPTEMBER 17 – IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE HOW QUICKLY A HOUSE FIRE CAN OBLITERATE OUR POSSESSIONS AND TAKE THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE AND PETS WE LOVE. EXPERTS SAY TODAY'S HOME, FILLED WITH SYNTHETIC MATERIALS AND OIL-BASED PRODUCTS, BURNS EIGHT TIMES FASTER THAN THE TYPICAL HOME OF 50 YEARS AGO. AND THAT HAS FIRE SAFETY OFFICIALS CONCERNED THAT WE SIMPLY DON'T REALIZE THE GROWING THREAT. FOR MORE ON THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC, BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH EYE ON LIFESTYLE CORRESPONDENT DONNA MARTINEZ. HSM

SEPTEMBER 18 – JUST DAYS BEFORE THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR RADIATION ONCOLOGY'S (ASTRO'S) ANNUAL MEETING IN ATLANTA; SCIENTISTS, RESEARCHERS, BIOLOGISTS AND PHYSICIANS HAVE MADE NEW ADVANCES IN RADIATION TREATMENT THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF CANCER PATIENTS. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON DISCUSSED THOSE WITH DR. BRUCE MINSKY - A LEADING RADIATION ONCOLOGIST. HSM

SEPTEMBER 18 – IF YOU READ BLOGS OR OTHER PERSONAL STORIES BEFORE YOU MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT MEDICAL TREATMENT, YOU MAY BE FOCUSING ON THE WRONG INFORMATION. UNC PROFESSOR MELANIE GREEN EXPLAINS WHY TO WPTF'S STEPHANIE HAWCO. HSM

SEPTEMBER 19 – THANKS TO HIGH PROFILE CASES IN THE NFL, PARENTS AND COACHES HAVE BECOME VERY AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR CONCUSSIONS ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD. WHILE PROFESSIONAL TRAINERS ARE HAPPY ABOUT THAT AWARENESS, THEY'RE NOW SOUNDING THE ALARM ABOUT THE DANGERS OF CATASTROPHIC INJURIES TO THE SPINE. DONNA MARTINEZ AND BRIAN FREEMAN TALK ABOUT THIS NEARLY UNSPOKEN DANGER IN OUR EYE ON LIFESTYLE. HSM

SEPTEMBER 20 – CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT WEEK WRAPS UP WITH A WAY FOR YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SEAT USED TO SECURE YOUR CHILD IS INSTALLED CORRECT. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER WAYNE GOODWIN. HSM

SEPTEMBER 20 – HEALTH CARE IS CHANGING IN SEVERAL BIG COMPANIES AND ANOTHER COMPANY IS STAYING COMMITTED TO THE TRIANGLE. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL'S AMANDA HOYLE ABOUT THE LATEST BUSINESS NEWS. HSM

SEPTEMBER 24 – IN LIGHT OF A RECENT STRING OF DEATHS INVOLVING BICYCLE ACCIDENTS IN THE TRIANGLE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES OF THE ROAD. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH WHITNEY BERONGI (BUR-WRONG-EE) - THE TRAFFIC SAFETY MANAGER WITH TRIPLE A CAROLINA'S - TO GET SOME HELPFUL TIPS FOR DRIVERS AND CYCLISTS ALIKE, SO THAT EVERYONE CAN SHARE THE ROAD SAFELY. HSM

SEPTEMBER 24 – CONTINUING ON WORK THAT BEGAN AT VIRGINIA TECH, SCIENTISTS AT WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER HAVE DEVELOPED A THREE-PRONGED APPROACH TO MEASURING THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF HEAD IMPACTS IN FOOTBALL. IN PART TWO OF THIS IN-DEPTH LOOK, WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. JOEL STITZEL AND JILL URBAN -- AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHOR, RESPECTIVELY -- ON THE STUDY THAT FOLLOWED 40 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS. HSM

SEPTEMBER 25 – CHARLOTTE AND RALEIGH-DURHAM RANK AMONG THE TOP 30 METROPOLITAN AREAS IN THE U-S THAT ARE MOST PREPARED FOR AND CONFIDENT ABOUT RETIREMENT, ACCORDING TO A RECENT SURVEY. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH SUZANNA DE BACA - THE VICE PRESIDENT OF WEALTH STRATEGIES AT AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL - TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE SURVEY AND WHERE THE NORTH CAROLINA CITIES STACK UP ON THE LIST. HSM

SEPTEMBER 27 – WAKEMED ANNOUNCED THURSDAY THAT PRESIDENT AND CEO BILL ATKINSON IS STEPPING DOWN. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL'S JASON DEBRUYN TO FIND OUT WHY, POTENTIAL REPLACEMENTS, AND THE IMPACT ON WAKEMED. HSM

SEPTEMBER 27 – OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT HUNTING SEASON WILL START, WHICH IS TIME TO REMIND PEOPLE OF IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AS BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT FROM GEOFF CANTRELL FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION. HSM

SEPTEMBER 27 – EACH AND EVERY SUNDAY EVENING ON NEWS RADIO 680 WPTF, THAT CANCER SHOW DEALS WITH ISSUES THAT SPAN PATIENT CARE, THERAPIES, FAMILY PERSPECTIVE, STORIES OF COPING AND OF SURVIVAL. MEMBER OR CAREGIVER. RECENTLY, FORMER NBA AND UNC BASKETBALL PLAYER, ERIC MONTROSS, DISCUSSED CORNUCOPIA CANCER SUPPORT CENTER'S 9TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT. HSM

SEPTEMBER 30 – WHILE MOST OF US KNOW HOW DEADLY HEART DISEASE IS AMONG MEN, YOU MAY BE SURPRISED TO KNOW HOW FATAL IT IS AMONG WOMEN. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH WOMEN'S HEALTH EXPERT DR. AIMEE (UH-MAY) SHUNNEY TO FIND OUT A WOMAN'S RISK OF DEVELOPING HEART DISEASE AND POTENTIAL CAUSES. HSM

HO - Housing

SEPTEMBER 19 – TELEVISION TODAY SEEMS FILLED WITH ADS FOR REVERSE MORTGAGES, USUALLY ENDORSED BY AN ACTOR OR FORMER ACTOR. WHAT ARE THESE MORTGAGES? ARE THEY A NEW WAY TO BUY A HOME? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN RESPONDS. HO

IA- International Affairs

JULY 22 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW- DR. KENNETH VICKERY, PROFESSOR, NCSU-CHANGES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, NELSON MANDELA-IA

AUGUST 6 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. JOE CADDELL-ON THE AFTERMATH OF WORLD WAR II-IA

AUGUST 30 – A LOCAL TRIANGLE CONNECTION TO THE VIOLENCE IN SYRIA. A MAN IN RALEIGH WITH TIES TO THE COUNTRY AND AN OPINION WITH HOW THE U-S SHOULD REACT TO THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT'S DEADLY CHEMICAL WEAPONS ATTACK. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. IA

SEPTEMBER 10 – AS THE PRESIDENT PREPARES TO FACE THE NATION ASKING FOR SUPPORT IN A MILITARY STRIKE AGAINST SYRIA, SOME PEOPLE HERE ARE PUSHING BACK. A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE GATHERED IN DURHAM LAST NIGHT TO PROTEST MILITARY ACTION, BUT ONE MAN SAYS IT IS TIME FOR THE U.S. TO STEP IN. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS A LOOK AT BOTH SIDES. IA

NS - National Security

JULY 1 – EDWARD SNOWDEN IS STILL SUPPOSED TO BE AT THE MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND CAN'T LEAVE WITHOUT RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES CONSENT. BUT HIS REVELATIONS CONTINUE TO EMERGE INCLUDING A REPORT FROM GERMANY THAT THE NSA SPIED ON THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE UNITED NATIONS. JOHN WOHLSTETTER (WALL-STETTUR), A SENIOR FELLOW OF THE DISCOVERY INSTITUTE, TELLS BILL LUMAYE SNOWDEN IS A SPY AND EXPLAINS WHY HE IS NOT A HACKER, NOR A WHISTLE BLOWER. NS

JULY 5 - AS WE CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE THIS WEEK, CONGRESS IS TAKING ON THE CONTENTIOUS ISSUE OF WHO SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BECOME A U-S CITIZEN AND HOW THE PROCESS SHOULD WORK. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON DISCUSSED IT WITH CONGRESSMAN WALTER JONES, WHO CELEBRATED JULY 4TH AT A NATURALIZATION CEREMONY FOR NEWLY LEGALIZED AMERICANS. NS

AUGUST 5 – THE U.S. EMBASSYS ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA ARE CLOSED BECAUSE OF THE THREAT OF A TERROR ATTACK. BUT WHAT THREAT ARE WE UNDER HERE IN THE UNITED STATES? BRIAN FREEMAN LOOKS AT THE THREAT AND WHAT THE U.S. IS DOING, WITH CBS MILITARY ANALYST MIKE LYONS. NS

AUGUST 6 – U-S DIPLOMATIC POSTS IN 19 THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA WILL REMAIN CLOSED THROUGH THE END OF THE WEEK, AFTER INCREASED "CHATTER" FROM AL-QAIDA. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH CBS NEW'S EDWARD YOUR-AY-NEE-UM IN CAIRO. NS

AUGUST 7 – CREEPY DRONE SPYING IS NO LONGER JUST THE PURVIEW OF THE U.S. MILITARY, NOW THAT THE FAA HAS APPROVED COMMERCIAL DRONES FOR AERIAL SURVEILLANCE. BUT ONE SMALL WESTERN TOWN ISN'T ONBOARD WITH THE MOVE, AND THEY'RE PREPPING THE AIR RAID CANNON. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE NEWS WITH SARAH PRESTON, POLICY DIRECTOR AT THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA. NS

AUGUST 8 – THE NEW STATE BUDGET INCLUDES A PROVISION PROHIBITING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM BUYING AND FLYING AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT. THERE IS A LOOPHOLE FOR EXCEPTIONS, HOWEVER, IF A DRONE IS DEEMED NECESSARY. ON THE SAME DAY GOV. MCCRORY SIGNED THE BUDGET -- JULY 26TH -- THE FAA ANNOUNCED IT'S NOW ALLOWING DRONES BE FLOWN FOR COMMERCIAL USE ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITH ACLU NORTH CAROLINA POLICY DIRECTOR SARAH PRESTON. NS

SEPTEMBER 9 – SYRIAN PRESIDENT BASHAR ASSAD SAYS THERE'S NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE ABOUT WHO'S TO BLAME FOR THAT CHEMICAL WEAPONS ATTACK THAT KILLED 1400 PEOPLE INCLUDING 500 CHILDREN. CONGRESS RETURNS THIS WEEK TO DEBATE ON WHETHER THE U.S. SHOULD ATTACK AND GO TO WAR. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ GETS REACTIONS FROM LOCALS ON THE CRISIS ON SYRIA. NS

SEPTEMBER 9 – THE FAA SAYS PRIVATE ENTITIES CAN APPLY TO FLY DRONES IN THE U.S., AND SOME SPECULATE THAT -- OVER THE NEXT DECADE -- THERE COULD BE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT FLYING THE FRIENDLY SKIES. IS THIS A SAFE PROGNOSTICATION? WPTF'S JOSH ZACH HAD A CHAT ABOUT THE ISSUE OF DRONE REGULATION WITH BARRY BAGNATO AT CBS NEWS. NS

SEPTEMBER 16 – MORE THAN 1,200 PEOPLE GATHERED SUNDAY EVENING AT THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH TO DISCUSS IMMIGRATION REFORM. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. NS

PA – Political Affairs

JULY 2 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW - RAN COBLE OF N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH COMMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA POLTTICS. PA

JULY 8 - THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT IT WILL GIVE BUSINESSES AN EXTRA YEAR TO COMPLY WITH A KEY PROVISION IN THE NEW HEALTH CARE LAW. TALK RADIO 850'S BILL LUMAYE TALKED ABOUT THE CHANGE AND THE FUTURE OF OBAMA CARE WITH CONGRESSWOMAN RENEE ELLMERS. PA

JULY 9 – STUDENT LOANS INTEREST RATE DOUBLED TWO WEEKS AGO, MOSTLY BECAUSE CONGRESS DID NOT EFFECTIVELY GET THINGS DONE... HOUSE LEADERS RETURN AFTER A ONE WEEK BREAK AND ALREADY HAVE LAID THE BLAME ON DEMOCRATS FOR THE RATE HIKE. ATTORNEY AND STUDENT LOAN EXPERT, HEATHER JARVIS, JOINS DEMETRI RAVANOS IN AGREEMENT AND SHARED WHO IT WILL EFFECT THE MOST AND HOW IT WILL EFFECT THEM. PA

JULY 10 – THE CONTROVERSIAL ABORTION BILL COULD BE UP FOR A FULL HOUSE VOTE ANY DAY NOW. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS WITH THE DETAILS. PA

JULY 11 – YESTERDAY GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY THREATENED TO VETO THE ABORTION RESTRICTIONS BILL MOVING THROUGH THE STATE LEGISLATURE UNLESS HIS CONCERNS WERE ADDRESSED WHICH HOUSE REPUBLICANS RUSHED TO MEET. BILL LUMAYE DISCUSSES WITH, DEMOCRATIC CONSULTANT, PERRY WOODS, THE REPUBLICANS' CHANGES AND WHAT ISSUES THE GOVERNOR HAD WITH THE BILL. PA

JULY 12 – REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS PUSHED AHEAD WITH THEIR DEMAND FOR NEW RULES AT NORTH CAROLINA'S ABORTION CLINICS YESTERDAY, SAYING THEY WILL MAKE THE PROCEDURE SAFER FOR WOMEN. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. PA

JULY 23 – AS DETAILS OF THE NEW STATE BUDGET DEAL EMERGE, CRITICS OF THE LEGISLATURE -- AND THE DEAL -- SAY THE EDUCATION PORTION MOVES THE STATE TOWARD "PRIVATIZING" PUBLIC EDUCATION. BUT ONE EXPERT SAYS THE CHARGE BY THE STATE'S EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT CONTRADICTS THEIR SUPPORT FOR OTHER PROGRAMS THAT USE PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PRIVATE EDUCATION. DR. TERRY STOOPS OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION ANALYZED THE DEAL FOR DONNA MARTINEZ. PA

JULY 25 – THE STATE SENATE PASSED LEGISLATURE WEDNESDAY THAT ALTERS HOW, WHEN, AND WHERE YOU VOTE. BILL LUMAYE TALKS WITH JAY DELANCY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VOTER INTEGRITY PROJECT NC, ABOUT THE PUSH FOR THE VOTER ID BILL, WHAT HE AGREES WITH, AND MORE. PA

JULY 26 – A CONTROVERSIAL ABORTION BILL IS ON ITS WAY TO GOVERNOR MCCRORY'S DESK. STATE SENATORS APPROVED A POLARIZING LEGISLATION RIGHT DOWN PARTY LINES THURSDAY NIGHT. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE GETS REACTION FROM BOTH SIDES. PA

JULY 26 – BEFORE CLOSING THE LAWMAKERS PASSED THE CONTROVERSIAL ABORTION BILL THAT SUPPORTERS SAY WOULD PROTECT WOMEN, CRITICS PROMISING A LEGAL BATTLE WHEN IT BECOMES LAW. WTVD TV'S ED CRUMP REPORTS. PA

JULY 26 – AS LAWMAKERS WORKED TO WRAP UP THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THEIR LATE-NIGHT TALKS FOCUSED ON VOTER ID AND ELECTION REFORMS. STEPHANIE HAWCO TAKES US TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE DEBATES, WHERE LAWMAKERS SIGNED OFF ON LEGISLATION THAT WILL CHANGE THE WAY NORTH CAROLINIANS VOTE. PA

AUGUST 5 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY OFFERED A PLATE OF COOKIES LAST TUESDAY TO A GROUP OF MOSTLY FEMALE DEMONSTRATORS PROTESTING THE NEW ABORTION LAW HE SIGNED. THE PROTESTORS REFUSED THE COOKIES AND RETURNED THEM. BILL LUMAYE TALKS WITH ROB SCHOFIELD, POLICY DIRECTOR OF NC POLICY WATCH, TO GET HIS REACTION OF THE GESTURE AND FIND OUT IF IT WAS APPROPRIATE OR NOT. PA

AUGUST 6 – THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION THAT JUST ENDED IN NORTH CAROLINA WAS A CONSERVATIVE BONANZA AND STATE DEMOCRATS THINK THAT MAY BE JUST WHAT US SENATOR KAY HAGAN NEEDED TO SAVE HER SEAT. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH KATIE GLUECK (GLICK) FROM POLITICO. PA

AUGUST 8 – NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS ARE LOOKING BACK ON THIS YEAR'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT YEAR'S ELECTION CYCLE. DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN RANDY VOLLER TALKED ABOUT IT WITH WPTF'S DONNA MARTINEZ. PA

AUGUST 12 – CONGRESS WON SOME PARTIAL RELIEF LAST WEEK FOR LAWMAKERS AND THEIR STAFFS FROM THE "OBAMACARE" HEALTH REFORMS THAT IT PASSED AND SUBJECTED ITSELF TO THREE YEARS AGO. BILL LUMAYE TALKS WITH CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE TO GET HIS THOUGHTS AND HOW OBAMACARE IS AFFECTING EMPLOYERS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES. PA

AUGUST 13 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY HAS SIGNED A CONTROVERSIAL ELECTION REFORM BILL WHICH WILL REQUIRE VOTERS TO PRESENT A PHOTO ID AT THE POLLS. THE GOVERNOR TALKED ABOUT IT WITH TALK RADIO 850'S BILL LUMAYE JUST AFTER THE INK DRIED. PA

AUGUST 15 – LIKE IT OR NOT, THE 2014 ELECTION SEASON IS NEAR... WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH GOP POLITICAL ANALYST DOUG RAYMOND ABOUT HOW THE CURRENT CLIMATE WILL IMPACT NEXT YEAR'S MID-TERM ELECTIONS. PA

AUGUST 16 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY IS EXPLAINING THE FIRST TWO VETOES OF HIS TERM IN OFFICE. HE SAT DOWN WITH SEVERAL TELEVISION ANCHORS ON THURSDAY, INCLUDING LARRY STOGNER OF WTVD AND DISCUSSED THE DECISIONS. PA

AUGUST 16 – CHALLENGERS WILL HAVE TO PROVE THAT NEW ELECTIONS LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA HAVE A RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY IMPACT. PRIOR TO THIS YEAR'S SUPREME COURT RULING LIMITING THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT, NORTH CAROLINA OFFICIALS WOULD HAVE TO PROVE THE LAW DID NOT HAVE SUCH AN IMPACT . TAL KOPAN (TAHL KOPIN) WITH POLITICO TELLS WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN, BURDEN OF PROOF HAS SHIFTED SIGNIFICANTLY. PA

AUGUST 16 – THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE ARE SUED BY SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS TO STOP THE VOTE ID LAW FROM TAKING EFFECT. CAN THE LAW SUITS GET TRACTION? THAT'S THE QUESTION BRIAN FREEMAN POSED TO SGRTODAY.COM'S BARLOW HERGET. PA

AUGUST 20 – SAYING SHE WANTS TO HELP MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS AN ID WHEN NEW VOTING RULES TAKE EFFECT -- AND DEALING WITH FRUSTRATION FROM BEING IN MINORITY, LONG TIME ORANGE COUNTY STATE SEN. ELLIE KINNAIRD (KIN-AIRED) IS RESIGNING MID-TERM.. MORE ON THIS FROM "PEOPLE IN POLITICS" HOST DONNA MARTINEZ WHO TALKED TO BRIAN FREEMAN. PA

SEPTEMBER 3 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RAN COBLE,EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH-COMMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS- PA

SEPTEMBER 4 – THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE VOTED TUESDAY TO CANCEL VETOES BY GOV. MCCRORY, AND SENATE LEADERS -- THIS MORNING -- WILL CAST THEIR VOTES: ONE MEASURE REQUIRES DRUG-TESTING FOR SOME WELFARE APPLICANTS, THE OTHER BROADENS AN EXEMPTION FOR EMPLOYERS TO AVOID USING E-VERIFY. TALK RADIO 850'S BILL LUMAYE SPOKE WITH THE GOVERNOR JUST AS LAWMAKERS STRUCK DOWN HIS VETO ON THE DRUG TESTING MEASURE. PA

SEPTEMBER 5 – THE NC SENATE QUICKLY COMPLETED THE OVERRIDE OF TWO GOV. PAT MCCRORY VETOES (THIS MORNING), SENDING THE FIRST TERM CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO A PAIR OF POLITICAL LOSSES ON BILLS HE OBJECTED TOO GREATLY. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON GETS ANALYSIS AND THE FALLOUT FROM THE OVERRIDES FROM POLITICAL ANALYST JEANNE BONDS. PA

SEPTEMBER 10 – A GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION IS HOLDING A SERIES OF PUBLIC FORUMS ABOUT THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN WAKE COUNTY. IT'S A CHANCE FOR VOTERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, ALONG WITH THE SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT THE MEETINGS WITH KAREN RINDGE FROM WAKE UP WAKE COUNTY. PA

SEPTEMBER 10 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-REACTION TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SPEECH ON SYRIA-LISTENER CALL-IN- PA

SEPTEMBER 26 – THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD SHUT DOWN OCT. 1 IF REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS DO NOT AGREE ON A BUDGET. DUKE UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENTIST DAVID ROHDE (ROADEE) TELLS WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN THE FIGHT ILLUSTRATES THAT THE POLICY GOALS OF EACH PARTY'S BASE MAKE IT NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPROMISE ON LEGISLATION. PA

RE – Religion, Civil Service & Social Climate

JULY 1 - A WILDFIRE IN ARIZONA HAS DESTROYED ABOUT 50 HOMES AND THREATENING 250 OTHERS IN AND AROUND THE TOWN OF YARNELL NORTHWEST OF PHOENIX. MEANWHILE, ARIZONA'S GOVERNOR HAS ORDERED FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF IN MEMORY OF FIREFIGHTERS WHO'VE DIED FIGHTING THE BLAZE. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH SPOKE WITH CBS CORRESPONDENT STEVE FUTTERMAN WHO WAS PRESENT DURING MONDAY AFTERNOON'S PRESS CONFERENCE. RE

JULY 5 - THE ARMY'S 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION IS TRYING TO SAVE ITS 506TH INFANTRY REGIMENT WHOSE ORIGINS DATE TO WORLD WAR II'S FABLED "BAND OF BROTHERS." UNDER MILITARY BELT-TIGHTENING THE UNIT IS FACED WITH DEACTIVATION....WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH CBS NEWS MILITARY ANALYST MIKE LYONS. RE

JULY 9 – SIXTY-FOUR PEOPLE WERE LED AWAY IN HANDCUFFS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING LAST NIGHT AT THE LATEST "MORAL MONDAY" PROTEST WHICH FOCUSED ON THE NEW ABORTION BILL. MORE PROTESTS ARE EXPECTED TODAY AS THAT BILL MOVES FORWARD. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON HAS A PREVIEW. RE

JULY 9 – WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE PLANNING TO BEGIN PERMITTING FRACKING SITES AS EARLY AS MARCH, 2015 ... WEEKLY PROTESTS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD BY GOP OPPONENTS AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING ARE ATTRACTING NEGATIVE PUBLICITY. AND ON MONDAY, THE ENTRANCE TO A MORGANTON CHEMICAL PLANT WAS BLOCKED BY FRACKING OPPONENTS. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH MARIA ROWEN A PROTESTER WITH THE GROUP, CROATAN EARTH FIRST. RE

JULY 12 – ANIMAL SHELTERS ARE GETTING CROWDED AND -- AS A RESULT -- THE WAKE COUNTY SPCA ANNOUNCED IT CAN'T TAKE IN ANYMORE HOMELESS PETS UNTIL THE ONES THEY HAVE ARE ADOPTED OUT. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DARCI VANDER-SLIK AT THE WAKE SPCA TO FIND OUT WHERE THE TROUBLE IS AND WHAT'S BEING DONE. RE

JULY 22 - CAN YOU PROTECT YOUR ONLINE ASSETS AFTER DEATH? DOUG KELLETT, OF THE MORNING DRIVE, TALKS SOCIAL MEDIA WITH AUTHOR HILLET PRESSER. FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN SECURE YOUR ONLINE IMAGE AND HELP PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES IN YOUR DIGITAL AFTERLIFE. RE

JULY 23 – MORE THAN A DECADE OF WARFARE IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN IS TAKING ITS TOLL ON MILITARY FAMILIES. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. RE

JULY 23 – IT SEEMS LIKE AN IMPOSSIBLE EFFORT... RIDE A MOTORCYCLE THROUGH 48 STATES AND SEVERAL CANADIAN PROVINCES. AS BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT, DAVID ECKSTEIN IS DOING JUST THAT AND IT'S FOR A VERY GOOD CAUSE. RE

JULY 23 – IF YOU'VE SEEN THE NEW TV COMMERCIAL STARRING AN OLDER COUPLE NAMED LEE AND MORTY, IT MAY HAVE GRABBED YOUR ATTENTION. LEADING TO THE QUESTION... DO CREATIVE COMMERCIALS REALLY WORK? BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED TO CAROLYN GONZALEZ WITH "CAROLYN IN CAROLINA" (CAROINCAROLINA.COM) ABOUT THE APPEAL OF THIS COUPLE WHO SUPPOSEDLY HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR NEARLY 45 YEARS. RE

JULY 23 – AS PARENTS, TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR TEENAGER CAN SEEM LIKE TALKING TO A BRICK WALL. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH PARENTING EXPERT FRED GOODALL TO GET SOME TIPS ON HOW TO TALK WITH YOUR TEEN WHILE GETTING THEM TO LISTEN, AND HOW TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR ADOLESCENT. RE

JULY 24 – BEING THE PARENT OF A TEENAGER CAN BE A DAILY CHALLENGE. FROM TRYING TO GIVE THEM ADVICE TO TRYING TO GET INVOLVED IN THEIR INTERESTS AND COMMUNICATE WITH THEM...IT'S ARGUABLY THE TOUGHEST STAGE OF PARENTING. THAT'S WHY WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON CALLED UPON PARENTING EXPERT FRED GOODALL TO HELP ANSWER ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR QUESTIONS OF PARENTS WITH A TEENAGER. RE

JULY 24 – HOW CAN YOU MAKE MONEY ON THE INTERNET? THAT'S THE QUESTION BRIAN FREEMAN ASKED OUR TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN...AND THE ANSWER MAY SURPRISE YOU! RE

JULY 31 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY HAS SIGNED INTO LAW TOUGHER REGULATIONS ON ABORTION CLINICS THAT SUPPORTERS SAY WILL ENHANCE SAFETY. OPPONENTS ARGUE THE LAW WILL FORCE MOST CLINIC IN THE STATE TO CLOSE....WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH SARAH PRESTON POLICY DIRECTOR WITH THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA. RE

JULY 31 – IT'S NEW AND IT'S CALL CHROMECAST, BUT HOW DOES IT HELP YOU SEE MORE ON YOUR TV? BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE ANSWER FROM TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN. RE

AUGUST 1 – THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA AND WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA JUSTICE CENTER, AND THE SOUTHERN COALITION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE SENT A LETTER TO GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY, ASKING HIM TO VETO LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE SOME APPLICANTS TO THE STATE'S WORK FIRST PROGRAM TO PAY UP FRONT FOR AND SUBMIT TO URINE TESTS BEFORE RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE SARAH PRESTON POLICY DIRECTOR WITH THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA. RE

AUGUST 5 – NEW DATA BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) SHOWS SOME DISCOURAGING NEWS FOR NEARLY TWO MILLION NORTH CAROLINIANS AND NEARLY 50 MILLION AMERICANS RECEIVING FOOD ASSISTANCE. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH AMBER MOODY DYER - A POLICY ADVOCATE WITH THE BUDGET AND TAX CENTER - TO GET THE LATEST FIGURES AND THE IMPACT ON FAMILIES IN NEED OF FOOD. RE

AUGUST 7 – IT HAS BEEN SAID "GOOD MANNERS OPEN DOORS THE BEST EDUCATION CANNOT." WHETHER IT'S BUSINESS OR PLEASURE ... RALEIGH'S HOUSE OF ETIQUETTE HOPES EDUCATION COUPLED WITH GOOD MANNERS WILL OPEN WIDE THE DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL WHO ATTEND THIS MODERN-DAY FINISHING SCHOOL. IN TODAY'S "MANNERS MATTER," WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSES THE INGREDIENTS OF A GREAT INTRODUCTION WITH THE HOUSE OF ETIQUETTE'S FOUNDER AND CEO AMANITA THOMAS. RE

AUGUST 9 – FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND COLLEAGUES OF CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER JULIUS CHAMBERS GATHERED AT CHARLOTTE'S FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON THURSDAY TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AS WELL AS HIS LASTING LEGACY. JOSHUA SENEGAL HAS DETAILS. RE

AUGUST 13 – THE GREAT RECESSION IS OVER, BUT 36% OF "MILLENNIALS" ARE LIVING AT HOME WITH MOM AND DAD. SO WHAT'S BEHIND THIS CULTURAL TREND, AND SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED OR IS THERE A SILVER LINING IN THESE NUMBERS? BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH DONNA MARTINEZ WITH AN "EYE ON LIFESTYLE." RE

AUGUST 13 – IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL FOR MANY STUDENTS AND TO HELP CHILDREN IN NEED THE DURHAM RESCUE MISSION IS HOLDING ITS ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY AND BACKPACK GIVE-AWAY THIS WEEK. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED TO THE MISSION'S ERNIE MILLS ABOUT WHAT CHILDREN WILL GET AND MORE IMPORTANTLY HOW YOU CAN HELP. RE

AUGUST 14 – CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS INCLUDING THE NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH OF THE NAACP ARE FIGHTING BACK AGAINST THE VOTER ID BILL THAT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR MCCRORY ON MONDAY. AS STEPHANIE HAWCO TELLS US, THEY'RE GOING TO COURT TO TRY TO STOP THE LAW BEFORE THE 2016 ELECTION. RE

AUGUST 14 – GROWING UP WITH BROTHERS AND SISTERS INFLUENCES WHO DIVORCES AND WHO DOESN'T ACCORDING TO A LONG TERM NATIONWIDE STUDY BETWEEN 1972 AND 2012 ---- COVERING 57 THOUSAND ADULTS . WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. RE

AUGUST 15 – THE SWEEPING ELECTIONS REFORM LAW SIGNED THIS WEEK BY GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY HAS ALREADY GENERATED THREE LAWSUITS TWO ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL AND IN STATE COURT ...THE FEDERAL COURT CASES WILL REPRESENT THE FIRST TRUE TEST TO THE VOTING RIGHT'S ACT NOW THAT THE US SUPREME COURT HAS LIMITED IT'S SCOPE....WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH TAHL KOPIN WITH POLITICO. RE

AUGUST 21 – THE COMMUNITY GATHERED TUESDAY TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BISHOP EMERITUS JOSEPH GOSSMAN. PATRICK JOHNSON AND DONNA MARTINEZ REMEMBER GOSSMAN. RE

AUGUST 27 – MORE THAN 50 RESIDENTS OF A RALEIGH APARTMENT COMPLEX WERE DISPLACED BY A FIRE OVER THE WEEKEND. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO LU ESPOSITO FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO HELP THEM GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. RE

AUGUST 27 – DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE TODAY INTO THE ACTION BY THE RALEIGH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO STOP CHARITIES FROM FEEDING THE HOMELESS AT A PUBLIC PARK. TODAY, OFFICIALS ARE WORKING ON A POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO FEED THE NEEDY AND MORE IMPORTANTLY WHERE TO FEED THEM. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE TO ALICE LUTZ WITH TRIANGLE FAMILY SERVICES ABOUT A MEETING TO DETERMINE SOME COURSE OF ACTION. RE

AUGUST 28 – NEWSEUM- A MUSEUM OF NEWS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.- IS OPENING A NEW STUDENTS AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS EXHIBIT FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH PATTY RHULE (RULE) -SENIOR MANAGER OF EXHIBIT DEVELOPMENT FOR NEWSEUM- ABOUT THE EXHIBIT AND WHAT PIECE OF NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY WILL BE FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN IT. RE

SEPTEMBER 11 – 12 YEARS AGO ISLAMIST TERRORISTS ATTACKED THE UNITED STATES ON ITS OWN SOIL. A NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO THE 3000 WHO DIED IN THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 ATTACKS - NOW STANDS WHERE THE TWIN TOWERS ONCE STOOD. THIS SPRING, A NATIONAL MUSEUM WILL OPEN ON THE SITE. CBS' HEATHER BOSCH REPORTS. RE

SEPTEMBER 20 – RALEIGH AUTHORS BARTON AND MEGAN CUTTER HAVE A VISION OF EMPOWERING PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES THROUGH WORKSHOPS, SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND THROUGH A BOOK TOUR PROMOTING THEIR "INK IN THE WHEELS: STORIES TO MAKE LOVE ROLL." BUT THEIR MISSION MAY HAVE HIT A SNAG. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED MORE ABOUT THEIR LATEST CHALLENGE. RE

SEPTEMBER 23 – THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR NON-PROFITS FINISHED UP ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE LAST WEEK AND CHARITABLE AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS ARE DEALING WITH PRESSURES AS STATE GOVERNMENT CUTS BACK AND PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS SAY THEY HAVE LESS TO PROVIDE. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED ABOUT THAT ONGOING CHALLENGE WITH THE CENTER'S TRISHA LESTER. RE

SEPTEMBER 24 – SOCIAL MEDIA HAS POSITIVES AND NEGATIVES... HOW CAN YOU MAKE THOSE NEGATIVES TURN INTO POSITIVES IF YOU ARE A SMALL BUSINESS OR NON-PROFIT?... AUSTIN HILL HAS THESE SUGGESTIONS FOR YOU AND WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON. RE

SEPTEMBER 24 – THE GRAND RE-OPENING TODAY OF THE FOX AND HOUND SPORTS TAVERN IN NORTH HILLS WILL BENEFIT THE ST. BALDRICK'S FOUNDATION. THE CHARITY TIE-IN IS TIMELY AS IT IS SEPTEMBER'S NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER MONTH, AND FOX AND HOUND HAS AN INCREDIBLE RELATIONSHIP WITH ST. BALDRICKS. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS OF THIS BIG DAY FROM HUGO SAN MARTANO. RE

SEPTEMBER 25 – TOMORROW EVENING THE DURHAM RESCUE MISSION WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL BANQUET AT THE DURHAM CONVENTION CENTER AND HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE SUCCESS STORIES THAT HAVE OCCURRED AS THE RESULT OF THE MISSIONS PROGRAMS. ONE OF THOSE STORIES INVOLVES KAREN RAMSEY, WHO SPOKE WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. RE

SEPTEMBER 25 – KICKSTARTER FUNDS PROJECTS THAT YOU DESIGN WHETHER IT'S A FILM, GAME, MUSIC, OR ART. IT IS DESIGNED TO SEND A PROJECT IDEA OUT SO REGULAR PEOPLE, NOT CORPORATIONS CAN HELP BRING IT TO LIFE. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN ABOUT A FEW OF HIS FAVORITE KICKSTARTER PROEJCTS AND HOW YOU CAN MARKET YOUR OWN PRODUCT ON THE WEBSITE. RE

SEPTEMBER 26 – GETTING A MOVIE MADE IS HARD WORK. THIS FIRST PART -- AND THE WORST PART -- IS RAISING THE MONEY. ONLINE PLEDGE DRIVES OR "CROWD FUNDING" IS ONE OF THE LATEST TRENDS BEING UTILIZED TO RAISE CASH NEEDED TO GET CREATIVE PROJECTS LIKE THIS OFF THE GROUND, AND IT'S HERE WHERE ONE LOCAL FILMMAKER IS HOPING TO RAISE WHAT SHE NEEDS TO FILM THE LIFE STORY OF NC STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH KAY YOW. MARY ELLEN WILLIAMS TELLS JOSH ZACH THAT BOTH INDEPENDENT *AND HOLLYWOOD* FILMMAKERS ARE USING THE INTERNET TO GET THEIR PROJECTS OFF THE GROUND. RE

SO – Social Media

AUGUST 28 – IF MAKING \$10,000 IN SIX SECONDS SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE...THINK AGAIN, SO SAYS TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. SO

SP – Sports/Games/Races

JULY 9 – WHEN YOU THINK OF DUKE FOOTBALL, YOU PROBABLY DON'T THINK ABOUT THE NFL DRAFT. BUT OVER THE PAST FIVE SEASONS, UNDER HEAD COACH DAVID CUTCLIFFE, THE BLUE DEVILS HAVE SENT EIGHT PLAYERS TO THE NFL. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH RECENTLY SAT DOWN WITH CUTCLIFFE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT VERY WELL COULD BE A RENAISSANCE FOR A TEAM THAT -- FOR DECADES -- HAS BEEN LESS THAN AN AFTERTHOUGHT. SP

JULY 10 – USA TODAY SPORTS BREAKING NEWS OVER THE WEEKEND THAT A SECOND VEHICLE IS INVOLVED IN THE MURKY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PJ HAIRSTON AND CLUB PROMOTER HAYDEN "FATS" THOMAS... WTPF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH A-C-C SPORTS DOT COM EDITOR JIM YOUNG ABOUT THE CONTROVERSY. SP

JULY 12 – FORMER MLB PITCHERS, KRIS BENSON'S WIFE, ANNA BENSON WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED FOR THREATENING HER HUBBY WITH WEAPONS INCLUDING A GUN, HATCHET, TASER, AND BULLET PROOF VEST... SOUNDS LIKE SHE WENT FROM MODEL TO MANIAC... DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE TALKS WITH DEMETRI RAVANOS OF MANFAQ DOT COM ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED. SP

JULY 15 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-TONY RIGGSBEE-"TALKING BASEBALL". SP

JULY 25 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-GIL WHITEHURST,CLASSIC CAR ENTHUSIAST-CRAS YOU HAVE KNOWN AND LOVED-SP

JULY 29 – BREAKING NEWS FROM OVERNIGHT... UNC STAR BASKETBALL PLAYER P-J HAIRSTON HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM THE TAR HEEL BASKETBALL TEAM.... WTVD TV'S KELLI O'HARA WITH MORE. SP

AUGUST 9 – LEGENDARY NORTH CAROLINA BASKETBALL COACH DEAN SMITH WILL RECEIVE THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM AWARD, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM ESPN. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH FREELANCE JOURNALIST ART CHANKSY OF CHAPELBORO.COM A MAN WITH LONG TIES TO THE UNC BASKETBALL PROGRAM AND COACH SMITH. SP

AUGUST 13 – KAZAN, RUSSIA, WAS THE SITE OF LAST MONTH'S WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES WHERE DUKE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER TRICIA LISTON WON A GOLD MEDAL AS PART TEAM USA. AND WHILE THEY DIDN'T WIN ANY MEDALS, FOUR MEMBERS OF DUKE'S SPORTS MEDICINE STAFF ALSO MADE THE TRIP TO MONITOR PLAYERS FROM THE SIDELINES. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DUKES DR. RONALD OLSEN THE GUY WHO GOT THEM INVOLVED WITH THE GAMES. SP

AUGUST 13 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-TAYLOR MATHIS TALKS ABOUT HIS NEWLY PUBLISHED "THE SOUTHERN TAILGATING COOKBOOK"-SP

AUGUST 14 – APPALACHIAN STATE'S FOOTBALL TEAM IS INELIGIBLE THIS SEASON FOR POST-SEASON PLAY AND CAN'T WIN THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP DUE TO THE NCAA'S RULES REGARDING THE MOUNTAINEERS MOVE FROM THE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION (FCS) TO THE FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION (FBS). WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON ASKED FIRST-YEAR COACH SCOTT SATTERFIELD HOW TO KEEP THE TEAM AT A COMPETITIVE LEVEL WHEN THE PLAYERS CAN'T WIN ANY MAJOR TEAM GOALS THIS SEASON. SP

AUGUST 14 – FOUR MEMBERS OF THE DUKE SPORTS MEDICINE STAFF MADE A TRIP LAST MONTH TO KAZAN, RUSSIA, WHERE THEY MONITORED PLAYERS FROM THE SIDELINES OF THE WORD UNIVERSITY GAMES. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. RONALD OLSEN -- DIRECTOR OF SPORTS MEDICINE AT DUKE -- TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES, OFF OF THE PLAYING FIELD, WHEN IT COMES TO TREATING SPORTS INJURIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. SP

AUGUST 26 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RALEIGH'S JEFF SIMPSON ON HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL- SP

AUGUST 27 – SUMMER IS THE TIME WHEN FIRST-YEAR COLLEGE ATHLETES COME TO SCHOOL EARLY TO GET THE LAY OF THE LAND, WORK OUT IN PRE-SEASON MINI-CAMPS AND FIND OUT WHERE THEY FIT. BUT NOT ALL THESE PROSPECTS HAVE MADE UP THEIR MIND YET ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SAT DOWN WITH DUKE'S HEAD FOOTBALL COACH, DAVID CUTCLIFFE, TO TALK ABOUT A RECRUITING TECHNIQUE HE'S EMPLOYED THAT JUST MIGHT BE AS UNIQUE AS THE MAN HIMSELF. SP

AUGUST 28 – THE UNC TAR HEELS OPEN THEIR SEASON AT WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM IN COLUMBIA TO TAKE ON THE USC GAMECOCKS.. PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED TO HEELS COACH LARRY FEDORA ABOUT THE START OF THE SECOND SEASON. SP

AUGUST 30 – WITH THE ADDITIONS OF SYRACUSE AND PITTSBURGH, NOTRE DAME IS PARTLY IN, AND -- COMING SOON -- LOUISVILLE, ACC COMMISSIONER JOHN SWOFFORD SAYS CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP HAS NEVER BEEN STRONGER. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKED EXPANSION WITH DUKE HEAD COACH DAVID CUTCLIFFE, AND HIS EXPECTATIONS THIS UPCOMING SEASON FOR THE ACC'S PERENNIAL FOOTBALL UNDERDOGS. SP

SEPTEMBER 10 – WITH THE NFL SEASON UNDERWAY, SO ARE FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUES... TENS OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS PLAY FANTASY SPORTS -- ESPECIALLY FOOTBALL -- ANNUALLY... WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH ESPN SENIOR FANTASY ANALYST MATTHEW BERRY ABOUT THE FANTASY SPORTS CUTLURE. SP

SEPTEMBER 18 – NEWSRADIO 680 WPTF IS THE TRIANGLE'S HOME FOR NASCAR. WPTF'S DONNA MARTINEZ HAD A CHANCE TO SIT DOWN WITH RICKY STENHOUSE JR. A ROOKIE ON THE SPRINT CUP CIRCUIT AND THE BOYFRIEND OF DANICA PATRICK. SP

SEPTEMBER 26 – COLIN BRAUN HAS COMPETED IN THE NASCAR CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES AND THE NATIONWIDE SERIES.... NOW HE IS DRIVING FOR THE AMERICAN LEMANS SERIES. SP

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PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THIS FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND, PEOPLE IN POLITICS REVISITS KEY POLITICAL STORIES FROM THE LAST MONTH. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING ABOUT THE LATEST SURVEY DATA ON THE RACE TO SNAG THE U.S. SENATE SEAT NOW HELD BY DEMOCRAT KAY HAGAN. JENSEN ASSESSES HAGAN'S FIGHT FOR RE-ELECTION AND THE STRENGTH OF VARIOUS POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN CHALLENGERS. HE ALSO DISCUSSES PRESIDENT OBAMA, WHOSE JOB APPROVAL HAS DROPPED IN THE STATE HE LOST TO MITT ROMNEY LAST NOVEMBER. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT THE PASSING OF THE FIRST REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR OF THE 20TH CENTURY: JAMES HOLSHOUSER. CURRENT GOV. PAT MCCRORY TALKS ABOUT HIS FRIEND AND MENTOR, WHILE RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER POLITICAL COLUMNIST ROB CHRISTENSEN TELLS MARTINEZ ABOUT HOLSHOUSER'S POLITICAL INFLUENCE AND LEGACY IN A STATE THAT, PRIOR TO HIS ELECTION, HAD BEEN DOMINATED BY DEMOCRATS FOR DECADES AND DECADES. NEXT IS REACTION TO THE RULING FROM THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, IN WHICH THE MAJORITY RULED A SECTION OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT UNCONSTITUTIONAL. CHRIS BROOK OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ACLU EXPRESSES HIS CONCERNS OVER THE RULING, WHILE LT. GOV. DAN FOREST TELLS MARTINEZ ABOUT THE LIKELY IMPACT OF THE RULING ON THE NEW ELECTION MAPS AND THE EFFORT TO ADOPT A PHOTO I.D. REQUIREMENT FOR VOTING IN NORTH CAROLINA.

****ISSUES COVERED: 2014 U.S. SENATE RACE FOR SEAT HELD CURRENTLY BY SENATOR JAY HAGAN; INTERVIEW WITH TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING; POLLING, PUBLIC OPINION; ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES TO GO UP AGAINST KAY HAGAN; STATE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES; PRESIDENT OBAMA'S POLLING NUMBERS AND JOB APPROVAL RATING AMONG NORTH CAROLINA VOTERS; GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY AND NEWS AND OBSERVER COLUMNIST ROB CHRISTENSEN REVIEW THE POLITICAL CAREER OF FORMER NC GOVERNOR JIM HOLSHOUSER; THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT AND THE VOTER ID BILL; ACLU; NAACP; REDISTRICTING; REDRAWING SOME OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS; ECONOMIC RECOVERY; JOB CREATION; BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY; ATTRACTING BUSINESSES TO NORTH CAROLINA; CORPORATE TAX RATES; RESTRUCTURING THE NC STATE TAX****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH MIKE WALDEN", WILLIAM NEAL REYNOLDS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR, AND AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS SPECIALIST

****ISSUES COVERED: EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT; THE 2008 RECESSION; ECONOMIC RECOVERY; URBAN/RURAL AREAS OF NC; NC GAS TAX; REFORMING THE STATE TAX STRUCTURE; SALES TAXES, INCOME TAXES, PROPERTY TAXES; STATE TAX SYSTEM; LOWERING CORPORATE TAXES; JOB GROWTH; MORTGAGE RATES AND THE PRIME RATE; LOAN DEMAND; INVESTMENTS; CHANGES TO THE BOND MARKET AND BOND RATES; INTEREST RATES****

PA BLOCK FOR 07-14-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THEY'RE LEGAL: SO SAYS A THREE-JUDGE PANEL ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA'S NEWLY DRAWN ELECTION DISTRICTS. WE BRING YOU REACTION TO THE RULING FROM A BIPARTISAN JUDGE'S PANEL ABOUT GOP-DRAWN ELECTION MAPS THAT HAD BEEN CHALLENGED BY DEMOCRATS AND THEIR ALLIES. DR. DAVID MCLENNAN OF WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY WEIGHS IN ON THE VERY HIGH BAR DEMOCRATS MUST MEET SHOULD THEY CHOOSE TO CHALLENGE THE RULING. THEN TALK TURNS TO WHETHER THE ANSWER TO ENDING POLITICAL WRANGLING OVER THE REDRAWING, WHICH IS REQUIRED EVERY 10 YEARS, IS TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. JANE PINSKY OF THE N.C. COALITION FOR GOVERNMENT AND LOBBYING REFORM MAKES THE CASE. NEXT WE TURN TO THE CONTROVERSY THAT HAS ENSNARED GOV. PAT MCCRORY OVER LEGISLATION THAT SUPPORTERS SAY WOULD PROTECT THE SAFETY OF A WOMAN HAVING AN ABORTION, AND CRITICS SAY WOULD LIMIT ACCESS TO AN ABORTION. RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL TELLS HOST DONNA MARTINEZ ABOUT THE TUG-OF-WAR OVER A CONTENTIOUS SOCIAL ISSUE THAT HAD THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR THREATENING A VETO AGAINST LEGISLATION SUPPORTED BY HIS OWN PARTY. THEN WE DELVE INTO THE LATEST TWIST IN THE POLITICS OF GAY MARRIAGE. CHRIS BROOK OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ACLU EXPLAINS THE BASIS OF HIS GROUP'S DECISION TO CHALLENGE NORTH CAROLINA'S BAN ON GAY MARRIAGE. LAST MAY A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT DEFINING MARRIAGE AS BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY ON THE BALLOT. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT 12 CONGRESSMAN MEL WATT, DEMOCRAT WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA TO LEAD THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY. WATT WAS RECENTLY BEFORE A SENATE COMMITTEE CONSIDERING HIS NOMINATION TO THE POST. THEN

WE HAVE HIGHLIGHTS FROM A NEWS CONFERENCE HELD BY GOV. PAT MCCRORY IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED HIS FIRST SIX MONTHS IN OFFICE.

****ISSUES COVERED: REDISTRICTING; POLITICAL PARTIES; GERRYMANDERING; NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY: THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY: NC ELECTION DISTRICTS; NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT; NC VOTING PATTERNS; NC COALITION FOR GOVERNMENT AND LOBBYING REFORM; ABORTION RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO ABORTION; WOMEN'S ISSUES; FAMILY ISSUES; CHILDREN'S ISSUES; NC ACLU; PROTECTION OF MARRIAGE ACT; SAME-SEX COUPLES AND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE; FEDERAL NOMINATION HEARING FOR CONGRESSMAN MEL WATT; THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY; MORTGAGE FINANCE; GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY DISCUSSES HIS FIRST SIX MONTHS IN OFFICE; "MORAL MONDAYS"; NC DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION; JOBS FOR VETERANS; MEDICAID WAIVERS AND THE ESCALADING COST OF MEDICAID; NC STATE BUDGET; THE ENERGY BILL; RE-ORGANIZING THE NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; STATE PERSONNEL ACT; STATE TAX REFORM****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH PETER HANS", CHAIRMAN OF THE UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

****ISSUES COVERED: EDUCATION AND THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION; NC COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM; PRIVATE AND PUBLIC EDUCATION; POPULATION GROWTH; ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES IN NC HIGH SCHOOLS; LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY; THE UNC 16-CAMPUS SYSTEM; NC SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATH; FEDERAL AND PRIVATE FUNDING OF UNIVERSITY RESEARCH; TUITION INCREASES; PUBLIC WELFARE****

PA BLOCK FOR 07-21-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THIS WEEK, SUPPORTERS OF REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS TURN THE TABLES ON THE ANTI-REPUBLICAN PROTESTERS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WE HEAR FROM N.C. GOP VICE CHAIRWOMAN JOYCE KRAWIEC ABOUT THE THANKFUL TUESDAY EVENT. THEN HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH CORRESPONDENT STEPHANIE HAWCO ABOUT THE PRO-GOP RALLY, THE LATEST ON THE MORAL MONDAY PROTEST PLANS, AND THE FALL FROM GRACE FOR ONE OF THE STATE'S MOST WELL KNOWN PUBLIC OFFICIALS: N.C. RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER LEADER BILLY RAY HALL. THEN TOM JENSEN OF THE DEMOCRATIC POLLING FIRM PUBLIC POLICY POLLING DISCUSSES THE LATEST SURVEY DATA OF NORTH CAROLINIANS, WHICH SHOWS AN EROSION OF SUPPORT FOR GOV. PAT MCCRORY. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNOR, SENATE LEADER PHIL BERGER (R-ROCKINGHAM) AND HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS (R-MECKLENBURG) ABOUT THE HISTORIC TAX REFORM AGREEMENT FORGED DURING THE WEEK. NEXT IS A LOOK AT NEW FUNDRAISING NUMBERS FOR SOME OF NORTH CAROLINA'S CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION. THEN WE TURN TO FORMER GOV. BEVERLY PERDUE'S POST-RETIREMENT PLANS, WHICH INCLUDE PARTICIPATING IN A BIOGRAPHY OF HER LIFE AND TIME IN PUBLIC OFFICE. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH A CO-AUTHOR OF THE BOOK, BARLOW HERGET OF SGRTODAY.COM. HERGET TALKS ABOUT RESEARCH INTO PERDUE'S BACKGROUND, HIS DISCUSSIONS SO FAR WITH DEMOCRATIC MOVERS AND SHAKERS ABOUT THE PERDUE LEGACY, AND WHAT THE FORMER GOVERNOR HOPES TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THE BOOK. AND FINALLY, THE DISCUSSION TURNS TO PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH WASHINGTON EXAMINER COLUMNIST PAUL BEDARD ABOUT THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL RACE, WHICH IS ALREADY GENERATING BUZZ IN D.C.

****ISSUES COVERED: "MORAL MONDAYS" AND "THANKFUL TUESDAYS"; REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA; NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; NC STATE BUDGET AND STATE TAX REFORM; STATE REVENUE; THE RURAL CENTER; PUBLIC POLICY POLLING; THE ABORTION BILL; EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT; JOB CREATION; TAX REFORM PLAN; CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING; 2016 PRESIDENTIAL RACE; FEDERAL GOVERNMENT****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH NC STATE AUDITOR, BETH WOOD"

****ISSUES COVERED: FRAUD AND INVESTIGATION; AUDITING; GROWTH OF LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT; SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; STATE AGENCIES; COLLECTION OF DATA FROM EACH AGENCY; FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; FEDERAL GRANT MONEY; PERFORMANCE AUDITS; FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDITS; STATE BUDGET CUTS; NCDHHS AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS; NC DOT; ELECTED OFFICIALS/APPOINTED OFFICIALS; BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD; MEDICAL CLAIMS; NC STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE; FIRE SAFETY; ELEVATOR SAFETY; NC DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****

PA BLOCK FOR 07-28-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

A CONTENTIOUS FINAL WEEK AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INCLUDED HISTORIC, SWEEPING TAX REFORM SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOV. PAT MCCRORY. CRITICS COMPLAINED THE REFORM PACKAGE, WHICH LOWERS PERSONAL INCOME AND CORPORATE TAX RATES, FAVORS THE WEALTHY. BUT IN AN INTERVIEW WITH NEWSRADIO 680 WPTF IN RALEIGH, GOV. MCCRORY DEFENDS THE CHANGES AND EXPLAINS WHY HE AGREES WITH THE MAJORITY OF STATE LEGISLATORS THAT IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS. THEN WE TURN TO THE CONTINUING DEBATE OVER WHETHER TO REQUIRE A PHOTO I.D. TO VOTE IN OUR STATE. EARLY IN THE WEEK, BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE VOTED ON ELECTION LAW CHANGES, THE HEAD OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NAACP CRITICIZED REPUBLICANS FOR THE MOVE AND QUESTIONED THE PARTY'S MOTIVES. YOU'LL HEAR REV. WILLIAM BARBER IN HIS OWN WORDS. THEN HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GETS REACTION TO THE ANTI-GOP PROTESTS AND RHETORIC FROM NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN CLAUDE POPE, WHO TALKS ABOUT THE LEGISLATURE FULFILLING ITS PROMISES TO THE MAJORITY OF VOTERS WHO GAVE THE GOP CONTROL OF THE LEGISLATURE IN 2012. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SAGGING JOB APPROVAL RATINGS. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR ANDY TAYLOR ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S SUMMER DOLDRUMS, AS WELL AS THE POOR SHOWING FOR CONGRESS.

****ISSUES COVERED: STATE TAX REFORM; PERSONAL INCOME TAXES; CORPORATE TAX RATES; SALES TAXES; NC STATE REVENUE; THE TAX-FREE HOLIDAY; MANUFACTURING; BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY; JOB CREATION; EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT; VOTER ID BILL; NAACP; REDISTRICTING; VOTING RIGHTS AND ENCOURAGING CITIZENS TO VOTE; PROPER IDENTIFICATION; "MORAL MONDAYS" AND CITIZENS' RIGHTS TO PROTEST; PRESIDENT OBAMA'S JOB APPROVAL RATING; FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL RATINGS; THE ECONOMY; SENATOR KAY HAGAN'S POLITICAL STRATEGY FOR 2014 ELECTION****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEWS WITH REPORTERS FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA NEWS NETWORK: STEPHANIE HAWCO; RHONDA GARRISON; AND BRUCE FERRELL"

****ISSUES COVERED: NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; STATE BUDGET; SCHOOL VOUCHERS; SMART START AND COLLEGE AID; TEACHER TENURE AND CONTRACTS FOR TEACHERS; STATE TAX REFORM; SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS; BALANCING THE STATE'S BUDGET; MEDICAID AND MEDICARE; INCOME TAXES AND SALES TAXES; VOTER ID; CHANGES TO THE ABORTION LAWS; THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR; JOBLESS BENEFITS; AGRICULTURE AND WEATHER CONDITIONS; NC AGRICULTURAL CROPS AND PRODUCTS; WHEAT HARVEST/PRODUCTION; USE OF CORN FOR ETHANOL AND FEED; NC APPLE AND PEACH CROPS; WATERMELON AND OTHER FRUIT CROPS IN N.C.; AFFECT OF WEATHER ON PRODUCTION AND PRICES; NC FARM ACT; NC TOURISM; CLOSING OF PARTS OF THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY; NC GEOGRAPHY; NATIONAL PARKS IN N.C.; THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF TOURISM IN N.C. ****

PA BLOCK FOR 08-04-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

SAY GOODBYE, THE PARTY'S OVER. STATE LEGISLATORS WRAPPED UP THEIR WORK FOR THE LONG SESSION AND ADJOURNED UNTIL MAY. THIS WEEK WE GET REACTION TO THE SESSION FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE POLITICAL AISLE. FIRST, GOV. PAT MCCRORY WEIGHS IN ON WHAT HE SEES AS THE KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SESSION, WHICH SAW THE GOP-LED LEGISLATURE REFORM PROGRAMS AND THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET. WHILE THE GOVERNOR SEES THE SESSION AS A POSITIVE ONE, STATE

DEMOCRATS DO NOT. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN RANDY VOLLER ABOUT HOW DEMOCRATS' VIEW THE GOP'S PRIORITIES AND WHAT DEMOCRATS PLAN TO DO TO REGAIN POLITICAL POWER. THEN MARTINEZ PROVIDES THE LATEST NEWS ON THE 2014 SENATE RACE FOR THE SEAT NOW HELD BY DEMOCRAT KAY HAGAN. ON FRIDAY, REPUBLICAN CONGRESSWOMAN RENEE ELLMERS (2ND DISTRICT) DECIDED SHE WILL NOT SEEK TO CHALLENGE HAGAN. THEN WE GET PERSPECTIVE ON THE SESSION FROM THE HEAD OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA. DANA COPE TALKS WITH MARTINEZ ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE LEGISLATURE'S WORK ON STATE EMPLOYEES, AS WELL AS THE POLITICAL DYNAMICS OF THE SESSION FOLLOWING DECADES OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONTROL. COPE ALSO EXPLAINS WHY HIS GROUP'S MEMBERS STAYED OUT OF THE SO-CALLED MORAL MONDAY PROTESTS AGAINST REPUBLICANS, CHOOSING INSTEAD TO ENGAGE LAWMAKERS IN A DISCUSSION OF POLICY.

****ISSUES COVERED: STATE GOVERNMENT; NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; UNEMPLOYMENT; GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS; VOCATIONAL TRAINING; STATE PERSONNEL ACT; STATE TRANSPORTATION; STRATEGIC MOBILITY FORMULA; STATE TAX REFORM; PARTNERSHIP FOR PROSPERITY INITIATIVE; BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY; JOB CREATION; PROPOSED ENERGY LEGISLATION; MEDICAID; DIGITAL LEARNING; EDUCATION; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; NC COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM; NC DEMOCRATIC PARTY; INTERVIEW WITH RANDY VOLLER, STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN; WOMEN'S ISSUES; "MORAL MONDAY" PROTESTS; REDISTRICTING; U.S. SENATE SEAT HELD BY KAY HAGAN AND THE 2014 U.S. SENATE RACE; INTERVIEW WITH DANA COPE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SEANC; STATE EMPLOYEES; LOBBYING AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE; PAY RAISES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES; THE WORKING CONDITIONS OF STATE EMPLOYEES; MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS IN N.C****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH ANDY TAYLOR", PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT NC STATE UNIVERSITY

****ISSUES COVERED: STATE GOVERNMENT; ANALYSIS OF THE NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S SESSION; 2014 AND 2016 ELECTIONS; NC ECONOMY; "MORAL MONDAYS"; REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRATIC, AND INDEPENDENT VOTERS; BALANCING THE STATE'S BUDGET; STATE TAX REFORM; NC PAYMENTS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; MEDICAID; 2008 RECESSION; VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF VOTER ID; FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION USED AT THE POLLING PLACES; PREVENTING VOTER FRAUD; EARLY VOTING; SAME-DAY REGISTRATION; PARTISAN POLITICS; MOTIVATING VOTER TURNOUT; REDISTRICTING; NC GEOGRAPHY; VOTING TRENDS IN 2014/2016; U.S. SENATE RACE IN 2014; ADVANTAGES OF INCUMBENTS; THE ECONOMY'S EFFECT ON THE SENATE RACE; ANALYSIS OF THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA; LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE VALUES; THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES AND PRIMARY FOR THE U.S. SENATE RACE; NATIONAL VIEW OF NORTH CAROLINA***

PA BLOCK FOR 08-11-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THIS WEEK A KEY LEGISLATIVE REPUBLICAN LOOKS BACK AT THE GOP'S WORK DURING THE LONG SESSION, AS WELL AS THE CRITICISM DIRECTED AGAINST THE GOP BY DEMOCRATS AND ALLIED GROUPS. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH HARNETT COUNTY REPUBLICAN REP. DAVID LEWIS ABOUT TAX REFORM, ELECTION REFORM, AND A PUSH HE'S CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN TO LEVEL THE SALES TAX FIELD BETWEEN ONLINE RETAILERS AND BRICKS AND MORTAR STORES. THEN WE TURN TO THE LATEST TWIST IN THE STORY OF CONVICTED FORMER STATE LEGISLATOR STEPHEN LAROQUE. THE KINSTON REPUBLICAN WAS CONVICTED ON 12 FEDERAL COUNTS RELATED TO MISUSE OF MONEY OBTAINED FROM THE USDA FOR A NONPROFIT HE RAN BUT NOW A JUDGE SAYS HE SHOULD RECEIVE A RETRIAL ON TWO OF THE COUNTS. MARTINEZ GETS THE STORY FROM REPORTER SARAH OVASKA OF THE PROGRESSIVE THINK TANK N.C. POLICY WATCH. THEN WE HEAR FROM THE HEAD OF THE N.C. DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY ANALYSIS OF KAY HAGAN'S RE-ELECTION BID. KATIE GLICK OF POLITICO TALKS ABOUT THE CHALLENGE FACED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRAT.

****ISSUES COVERED: INTERVIEW WITH HARNETT COUNTY REPUBLICAN DAVID LEWIS; NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; STATE TAX REFORM; SALES TAX; FLAT INCOME TAX RATE; STATE TAX CODE; REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IN N.C.; FEDERAL TAX REFORM; THE ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY; "MORAL MONDAY" PROTESTS; NC ELECTION LAWS; VOTER ID; JURY MISCONDUCT IN THE REP. STEPHEN LAROQUE CASE; THE 2014 SENATORIAL ELECTION AND THE RE-ELECTION BID BY SENATOR KAY HAGAN****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT ORR, FORMER MEMBER OF THE NC SUPREME COURT, AND FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NC INSTITUTE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

****ISSUES COVERED: NC CONSTITUTION; NC SUPREME COURT; STRUCTURE OF STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; BALANCED BUDGET; EDUCATION AND TEACHER'S SALARIES; LIMITATION ON LEGISLATIVE POWER; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT IN N.C.; ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION; THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION'S DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE; STATE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES; NC COURT SYSTEM; EA SPORTS; THE DEBATE OF COMPENSATING COLLEGE ATHLETES; ATHLETICS BUDGETS AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; ECONOMIC BOUNDARIES OF COLLEGE ATHLETES; THE BUSINESS OF COLLEGE ATHLETICS****

PA BLOCK FOR 08-18-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THEN-CANDIDATE PAT MCCRORY SAID HE WOULD SIGN A LAW REQUIRING PHOTO I.D. TO VOTE IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND THIS WEEK, GOV. MCCRORY DID EXACTLY THAT. YOU'LL HEAR THE GOVERNOR EXPLAIN WHY HE SIGNED THE SWEEPING ELECTION REFORM LAW AND WHAT HE THINKS OF THE CRITICS WHO SAY THE LAW DISENFRANCHISES MINORITY AND DEMOCRATIC VOTERS. REACTION FROM THE GOVERNOR'S PROGRESSIVE CRITICS WAS SWIFT AND FIERCE. THE NORTH CAROLINA NAACP IMMEDIATELY FILED A LEGAL CHALLENGE. YOU'LL HEAR THE REMARKS OF REV. WILLIAM BARBER, WHO HEADS THE STATE CHAPTER OF THE ORGANIZATION, ABOUT HIS VIEW OF THE LAW, THE GOVERNOR, AND REPUBLICANS IN GENERAL. THEN WE TURN TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER VOTER FRAUD REALLY EXISTS. JAY DELANCEY OF THE VOTER INTEGRITY PROJECT OFFERS PERSPECTIVE. WE CONTINUE WITH REACTION TO THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION WITH BOB HALL OF DEMOCRACY NORTH CAROLINA, WHO EXPLAINS HIS DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE ELECTION LAW. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY COMMENTS FROM HILLARY CLINTON, WHO JOINED THE CHORUS OF DEMOCRATS CRITICIZING NORTH CAROLINA AND OTHER STATES WHO'VE PASSED A VOTER I.D. LAW. SO HAS ALL THE CONTROVERSY IMPACTED GOV. MCCRORY'S JOB APPROVAL RATING? TOM JENSEN OF THE DEMOCRATIC POLLING FIRM PUBLIC POLICY POLLING PROVIDES THE LATEST DATA FROM HIS FIRM, WHICH SAYS IT HAS. AND FINALLY, IN THE WAKE OF NEWS THAT THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION HAS PROVIDED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR STAFFS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE SUBSIDIES AS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OBAMACARE NEARS, WE HEAR TWO DIVERGENT VIEWS ON THE ACTION AND THE LAW. DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE OF THE 4TH DISTRICT AND REPUBLICAN CONGRESSWOMAN RENEE ELLMERS OF THE 2ND DISTRICT WEIGH IN.

ISSUES COVERED: VOTER ID; PHOTO IDENTIFICATION; NC NAACP AND ELECTION LAWS; ABSENTEE BALLOTS; GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY'S JOB APPROVAL RATING; OBAMA CARE; HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH CARE INSURANCE*

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH SCOTT RALLS", PRESIDENT OF THE NC COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

****ISSUES COVERED: NC COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM; THE RECESSION AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY; EDUCATION; NC GEOGRAPHY; STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; DEGREES AND COURSES OFFERED AT NC COMMUNITY COLLEGES; TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING; STATE BUDGET; PREVALENCE OF BIOLOGY/PRE-MED CLASSES; STATE GOVERNMENT AND LEADERSHIP IN NORTH CAROLINA****

PA BLOCK FOR 08-25-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

DEMOCRATS AND ALLIED GROUPS SAY THE REPUBLICAN-LED GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS TAKING THE STATE DOWN THE WRONG PATH. BUT CONSERVATIVES SAY THE LEGISLATURE IS SIMPLY MAKING GOOD ON CAMPAIGN PROMISES THAT GAVE THE GOP THE MAJORITY, AND THAT THE RELENTLESS CRITICISM IS SOUR GRAPES FROM PEOPLE WHO LOST AT THE BALLOT BOX. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GETS PERSPECTIVE FROM THE RIGHT WITH BECKI GRAY OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION, WHO LAYS OUT WHY CONSERVATIVES

ARE BUOYED BY LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS. THEN WE TURN TO THE 2014 RACE FOR THE U.S. SENATE SEAT NOW HELD BY DEMOCRAT KAY HAGAN. SENATE LEADER PHIL BERGER, REPUBLICAN OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, COMMENTS ON WHETHER HE MAY SEEK THE GOP NOMINATION TO CHALLENGE HAGAN, AS WELL AS ON VOTER I.D. LEGISLATION AND EDUCATION FUNDING. NEXT ARE COMMENTS FROM FERRELL GUILLORY OF UNC-CHAPEL HILL ON THE COURSE CHARTED BY REPUBLICANS AS WELL AS HIS VIEW OF THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOV. PAT MCCRORY AND THE LEGISLATURE. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY MARTINEZ'S UPDATE ON HOT POLITICAL NEWS OF THE WEEK, AND A LOOK AT THE PROSPECTS FOR DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS EYEING THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL RACE. THOSE COMMENTS COME FROM THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER'S PAUL BEDARD.

****ISSUES COVERED: NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; VOTER ID BILL; STATE TAX REFORM; THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION; STATE GOVERNMENT; POLITICAL PARTIES; HEALTH CARE REFORM; FUNDING STATE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS; STATE ENERGY POLICY AND STATE REGULATIONS; THE ENVIRONMENT; ATTRACTING BUSINESSES TO NORTH CAROLINA; STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY; GOP LEADERSHIP IN THE NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; 2014 U.S. SENATE RACE FOR SEAT HELD BY SENATOR KAY HAGAN; RAISES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RENEE ELMERS"

****ISSUES COVERED: LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; THE ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY; EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT; JOB CREATION; NC STATE LEGISLATURE; OBAMACARE; HEALTH CARE OPTIONS; FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATION ON BUSINESSES; IMMIGRATION REFORM; BORDER SECURITY; LEGAL AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION; STATE FARM WORKERS; STATE AGRICULTURE; 2014 ELECTIONS; THE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE; ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE PLANS; PATIENT-DOCTOR RELATIONSHIP; SOCIAL SECURITY; MEDICARE AND MEDICAID; THE AGING POPULATION; NEW CURES FOR DISEASES; NC COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND CLINICS; WOMEN IN POLITICS; NRCC; FEDERAL DEBT AND THE AMERICAN FAMILY; THE AMERICAN MIDDLE CLASS****

PA BLOCK FOR 09-01-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

FASCINATING POLITICS WILL BE AT PLAY ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECONVENES TO CONSIDER GOV. PAT MCCRORY'S VETOES OF TWO BILLS THE LEGISLATURE PASSED BY BIG MAJORITIES. ONE WOULD REQUIRE DRUG TESTING FOR WORK FIRST APPLICANTS. THE OTHER WOULD CHANGE E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR SOME SEASONAL WORKERS. NO DOUBT THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR'S POSITIONS, AND THOSE WHO OPPOSE THEM, ARE WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES TO LINE UP THE VOTES NECESSARY TO EITHER GO ALONG WITH THE GOVERNOR OR OVERRIDE HIS CONCERNS AND LET THE BILLS BECOME LAW. GOV. MCCRORY EXPLAINED HIS VETOES IN A RECENT WEB VIDEO. YOU'LL HEAR HIS COMMENTS, AS WELL AS THOSE FROM SARAH PRESTON OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ACLU. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH PRESTON ABOUT WHY HER GROUP IS SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF THE DRUG TESTING BILL. THEN MARTINEZ GETS POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT'S AT STAKE FROM WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR, DR. DAVID MCLENNAN. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS A PUSH IN NORTH CAROLINA TO MOVE UP THE STATE'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT THE 2014 U.S. SENATE RACE FOR THE SEAT NOW HELD BY DEMOCRAT KAY HAGAN. NC STATE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR ANDY TAYLOR GIVES CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS HOST DON CURTIS HIS THOUGHTS ON THE DYNAMICS OF THE RACE. THEN MARTINEZ LOOKS BACK AT THE POLITICAL DEBATES THAT GAINED MEDIA ATTENTION DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WITH BECKI GRAY OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION. GRAY ALSO OFFERS INSIGHT INTO THE HEAVYWEIGHTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE WHO FLEXED MUSCLE DURING THE SESSION. SHE ALSO OFFERS PERSPECTIVE ON THE DUST-UP OVER A NEW LAW THAT REQUIRES NORTH CAROLINIANS TO PRESENT A PHOTO I.D. TO VOTE, BEGINNING IN 2016.

****ISSUES COVERED: DRUG TESTING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE; EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT; BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY; THE GOVERNOR'S USE OF VETO; 2014 U.S. SENATE RACE; 2016 RACES; JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION; THE "MORAL MONDAY" PROTESTS AND THE MEDIA COVERAGE; POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS; EARLY VOTING; PAPER BALLOTS; VOTER ID****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH RANDY WOODSON, CHANCELLOR, NC STATE UNIVERSITY

****ISSUES COVERED: TUITION COSTS AND THE RISING COST OF EDUCATION; HIGHER EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA; AGRICULTURE AND THE STATE'S GDP; NC STATE AGRICULTURE EXTENSION SERVICE; SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; NC STATE UNIVERSITY AND ITS LEGACY; ENGINEERING; NC STATE COLLEGE OF TEXTILES; NORTH CAROLINA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; DATA ANALYSIS AND DATA SECURITY; ECONOMIC GROWTH; COLLEGE ATHLETICS****

PA BLOCK FOR 09-08-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE STATE LEGISLATURE OVERRIDES GOV. PAT MCCRORY'S CONCERNS ABOUT TWO BILLS INVOLVING DRUG TESTING OF WORK FIRST APPLICANTS AND CHANGES TO THE E-VERIFY SYSTEM OF VERIFYING WORKER LEGALITY. WE HEAR THE GOVERNOR'S REACTION SHORTLY AFTER THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE VOTED TO REJECT HIS VETO AND BEFORE THE SENATE CHAMBER TOOK ITS VOTES. ONE OF THE GROUPS THAT STOOD WITH THE GOVERNOR IS THE NORTH CAROLINA ACLU, WHICH SHARED HIS CONCERN ABOUT DRUG TESTING OF WELFARE RECIPIENTS. ACLU LEGAL DIRECTOR CHRIS BROOK EXPLAINS THE GROUP'S SUPPORT OF THE VETO. THEN HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR DR. DAVID MCLENNAN, WHO ASSESSES THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PLAYERS, WHILE DEMOCRAT POLITICAL CONSULTANT THOMAS MILLS GIVES MARTINEZ THE VIEW OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ON GOV. MCCRORY AND THE LEGISLATURE. MCLENNAN ALSO WEIGHS IN ON THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE, WHILE MILLS ALSO DISCUSSES WHETHER DEMOCRATIC U.S. SENATOR KAY HAGAN SHOULD INVITE PRESIDENT OBAMA TO THE STATE TO SUPPORT HER RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN. THEN WE HEAR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION FROM RAN COBLE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH. NEXT, MARTINEZ PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON THE FATE OF FORMER DEMOCRATIC STATE LEGISLATOR THOMAS WRIGHT, WHO IS SERVING PRISON TIME BUT COULD BE RELEASED SOON. AND FINALLY, 11TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN MARK MEADOWS WEIGHS IN AT A RECENT CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON IDENTITY FRAUD AND THE I.R.S.

****ISSUES COVERED: GOVERNOR'S USE OF THE VETO; LEGAL AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION; FARMING AND AGRICULTURE; ACLU; METHODS OF COMBATING DRUG ABUSE; THE GOVERNOR'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; 2016 STATE ELECTIONS; DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN NORTH CAROLINA; OVERRIDING THE GOVERNOR'S VETO; DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR IN 2016; 2016 PRESIDENTIAL RACE'S EFFECTS ON THE NC GOVERNOR'S RACE IN 2016; 2014 U.S. SENATE RACE IN NORTH CAROLINA; POLITICAL PARTY FUNDRAISING; POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IN 2016; OBAMACARE; GOVERNMENT REFORM; IRS SCANDALS****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH JUNE ATKINSON", NC SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

****ISSUES COVERED: PUBLIC EDUCATION; CHILDREN AND YOUTH ISSUES; STATE BUDGET CUTS; REDUCTION OF TEACHERS AND TEACHER'S ASSISTANTS; CUTS TO SCHOOL COUNSELORS AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS; CUTS TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES; CUTS TO ONLINE SOFTWARE AND TEXTBOOKS; CHARTER SCHOOLS; NC STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; ACT; RURAL/URBAN AREAS; THE VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM; FOREIGN LANGUAGE OFFERINGS IN NC HIGH SCHOOLS; ANALYSIS OF NC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; DISCIPLINE IN SCHOOLS; DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR IN THE CLASSROOM; BULLYING IN SCHOOLS; HISPANIC POPULATION IN NORTH CAROLINA; SPANISH AS THE PRIMARY LANGUAGE AND HOW THAT IS HANDLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; TEACHING ENGLISH TO FOREIGN STUDENTS; NC PAY RAISES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS****

PA BLOCK FOR 09-15-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THIS WEEK, AN INCREDIBLE TWIST IN THE STORY OF ADJUDICATED CRIMINAL WRONGDOING BY FORMER REPUBLICAN STATE LEGISLATOR STEPHEN LAROQUE OF KINSTON. HE HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE SENTENCED THIS WEEK FOLLOWING CONVICTIONS ON CHARGES THAT HE USED FEDERAL GRANT MONEY TO ENRICH HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY. BUT NOW, LAROQUE'S ATTORNEY IS SEEKING A NEW TRIAL. SARAH OVASKA, INVESTIGATIVE REPORT FOR THE PROGRESSIVE THINK TANK N.C. POLICY WATCH, TELLS HOST DONNA MARTINEZ ABOUT JURY MISCONDUCT THAT HAS LED TO THE REQUEST, AND THE SENTENCE LAROQUE COULD FACE IF A NEW TRIAL IS NOT GRANTED. THEN STEPHANIE HAWCO TELLS MARTINEZ ABOUT A NEW PLUM ASSIGNMENT FOR 11TH DISTRICT REP. MARK MEADOWS, WHOM PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS APPOINTED AS A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS. HAWCO AND MARTINEZ ALSO DISCUSS THE GROWING NUMBER OF REPUBLICANS SEEKING THE GOP NOMINATION FOR A CHANCE TO OUST DEMOCRAT KAY HAGAN FROM HER U.S. SENATE SEAT NEXT YEAR. THEN WE HEAR COMMENTS ABOUT VOTER FRAUD IN NORTH CAROLINA FROM JAY DELANCEY OF THE VOTER INTEGRITY PROJECT, AND LT. GOV. DAN FOREST EXPLAINS WHY HE SUPPORTED GOV. PAT MCCRORY'S VETO OF A BILL THAT MAKES CHANGES TO THE E-VERIFY SYSTEM USED BY EMPLOYERS. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY MARTINEZ'S CONVERSATION WITH ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY PHIL BERGER, JR., WHO RECENTLY OBSERVED THE PRE-TRIAL MOTIONS FOR ACCUSED 9/11 TERRORIST KHALID SHEIKH MOHAMMED. MOHAMMED WAS EDUCATED IN NORTH CAROLINA AND IS BEING TRIED AT GUANTANAMO BAY CUBA.

****ISSUES COVERED: ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT; NC POLICY WATCH; MONEY LAUNDERING; EMBEZZLEMENT; FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; THE UNITED NATIONS; BI-PARTISANSHIP; POLITICAL PARTIES; THE VOTER INTEGRITY PROJECT; CAMPAIGN SPENDING; VOTER ID; 9/11; TERRORISM; GUANTANAMO BAY CONTAINMENT FACILITY; ENCARCERATION****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH DAVID THOMPSON", NC ASS'N OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

****ISSUES COVERED: NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; 2012-2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION; STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT; URBAN/RURAL AREAS OF NC; NC ASS'N OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; NC GEOGRAPHY; SIZE/POPULATION OF COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA; EDUCATION AND THE COST OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS; THE STATE BUDGET; THE ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY; HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; TRANSPORTATION; STATE AND COUNTY REVENUE****

PA BLOCK FOR 9-22-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE MORAL MONDAY PROTESTS BY THE NORTH CAROLINA NAACP AGAINST THE REPUBLICAN-LED GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR HAVE GARNERED LOTS OF MEDIA ATTENTION FOR WEEKS. BUT THIS WEEK THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY CALLED OUT THE PROTESTERS – AND THE NEWS MEDIA – FOR WHAT HE SAYS IS OVER-THE-TOP RHETORIC THAT UNFAIRLY TAINTS THE GOP. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH CLAUDE POPE ABOUT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE SAID THE NEWS MEDIA IS FAILING TO SCRUTINIZE THE LEFT'S CHARGES AND ACCUSATORY RHETORIC. THEN MARTINEZ TALKS WITH TAMI FITZGERALD OF THE NORTH CAROLINA VALUES COALITION ABOUT EFFORTS BY GAY MARRIAGE SUPPORTERS TO CHALLENGE NORTH CAROLINA'S MARRIAGE AMENDMENT, WHICH WAS PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY BY VOTERS LAST YEAR AND WHICH AMENDS THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO DEFINE MARRIAGE AS SOLELY BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN. FITZGERALD, WHOSE GROUP WAS KEY IN THE MARRIAGE AMENDMENT'S PASSAGE, DISCUSSES THE LEGAL CHALLENGE, AS WELL AS A SEPARATE EFFORT BY THE CAMPAIGN FOR SOUTHERN EQUALITY TO FIND A NORTH CAROLINA REGISTER OF DEEDS WILLING TO DEFY THE LAW AND ISSUE MARRIAGE LICENSES TO SAME-SEX COUPLES. FITZGERALD ALSO ANALYZES THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOR ITS WORK ON PRO-FAMILY ISSUES. NEXT ARE COMMENTS FROM DEMOCRATIC SEN. KAY HAGAN ABOUT HER WORK WITH THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION TO CUT THE LONG BACKLOG OF DISABILITY CLAIMS IN THE WINSTON-SALEM VA OFFICE. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A CONVERSATION WITH FORMER JOHNSTON COUNTY STATE SEN. DAVID ROUZER, WHO IS SEEKING A REMATCH WITH 7TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN MIKE MCINTYRE. MARTINEZ AND ROUZER DISCUSS HIS 654-VOTE LOSS LAST NOVEMBER, WHAT HE'S LEARNED FROM COMING SO CLOSE BUT FALLING SHORT, AND

WHY HE THINKS HE HAS A GOOD CHANCE TO UNSEAT THE POPULAR DEMOCRAT. AND FINALLY, WE LOOK AT THE PREVALENCE OF POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC) MONEY IN THE 2011-2012 ELECTION CYCLE. MATT BALES, RESEARCH DIRECTOR FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA FREE ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION, BREAKS DOWN THE NUMBERS FOR MARTINEZ.

****ISSUES COVERED: "MORAL MONDAY" PROTESTS; FREEDOM OF SPEECH; "TEA PARTY" RALLIES; FREEDOM TO ASSEMBLE; VOTER ID; ADOPTION RIGHTS AND ADOPTION LAWS; ACLU; "SAME SEX" COUPLES; NC MARRIAGE AMENDMENT; VETERANS DISABILITY CLAIMS; THE VETERAN ADMINISTRATION; INTERVIEW WITH REPUBLICAN DAVID ROUZER, WHO IS RUNNING FOR CONGRESS AGAIN IN 2014; PAC'S AND THE NORTH CAROLINA FREE ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH RAN COBLE", EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH

****ISSUES COVERED: NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; STATE TAX REFORM AND CHANGES TO THE STATE TAX LAWS; STATE BUDGET; BROADENING THE STATE SALES TAX; TAX CUTS AND STIMULATING THE ECONOMY; POPULATION GROWTH; GROWTH IN STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HIGHER EDUCATION; TEACHER SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS; ELDERLY CARE AND NURSING HOMES; NEW REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION; URBAN/RURAL ISSUES; RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER; NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; STATE TUITION FOR NC COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; VOTER ID AND CHANGES TO THE ELECTION LAWS; EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT; NORTH CAROLINA BORROWING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND PAYING BACK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT****

PA BLOCK FOR 09-29-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

NO-GO, SAYS SENATE LEADER PHIL BERGER OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, WHO ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK HE WILL NOT SEEK THE GOP NOMINATION FOR THE U.S. SENATE SEAT NOW HELD BY DEMOCRAT KAY HAGAN. WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR DAVID MCLENNAN WEIGHS IN ON BERGER'S DECISION, HOW IT IMPACTS THE RACE, AND THE PROSPECTS FOR THE MOST WELL KNOWN OF THE GOP CROP, HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY. THEN HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GETS ADDITIONAL REACTION FROM RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL, WHO SAYS HE WASN'T SURPRISED AT ALL BY THE NEWS. MARTINEZ AND HENDERSON ALSO DISCUSS THE NC GOP'S CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIBERAL ADVOCACY GROUP PROGRESS NC, AN OFFER TO DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS WHO WANT A FREE I.D. TO VOTE, THE DISCONTENT OF SOME REPUBLICANS WITH REP. RENEE ELLMERS OF THE 2ND DISTRICT, AND THE POPULARITY OF 7TH DISTRICT DEMOCRAT MIKE MCINTYRE. THE TWO ALSO SHARE A LAUGH OVER A TWITTER EXPLOSION RELATED TO THE FASHION STYLE OF 6TH DISTRICT REP. HOWARD COBLE AND AN OFF-MICROPHONE COMMENT ABOUT HIS SMOKING HABIT BY PRESIDENT OBAMA, AND THE AMAZING NUMBER OF BOOZE-RELATED QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA THIS FALL. THEN MARTINEZ GETS THE LATEST POLLING DATA ON ELECTION LAW REFORMS FROM DR. MARTIN KIFER, DIRECTOR OF THE HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL. MARTINEZ ALSO SHARES RECENT POLLING DATA FROM THE CIVITAS INSTITUTE. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY PERSPECTIVE FROM RAN COBLE OF THE N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE GOP TO HOLD ON TO ITS NEWLY ACQUIRED POWER IN THE FUTURE. THEN CATE EDWARDS TALKS ABOUT HER NEW JOB AND HER FATHER, DISGRACED NORTH CAROLINA SEN. JOHN EDWARDS, AND DUKE UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR DAVID RHOADE EXPLAINS WHY REPUBLICANS DON'T WANT COMPROMISE ON CAPITOL HILL.

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH CHRIS SINCLAIR", POLITICAL CONSULTANT FOR CORNERSTONE SOLUTIONS

****ISSUES COVERED: POLITICAL PARTIES; MEDIA AND INFORMATION; POLITICAL AND SOCIETAL VIEWPOINTS; LOBBYING AND CONSULTING; CHANGE IN THE NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; REDISTRICTING; VOTER ID; CHANGES TO VOTER REGISTRATION; CHANGES TO EARLY VOTING; UNAFFILIATED VOTERS;

"MORAL MONDAY" DEMONSTRATIONS; IMMIGRATION AND THE ECONOMY; LEGAL AND ILLEGAL
IMMIGRATION****